DIGEST

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Morrell SB No. 103

<u>Present law</u> prohibits a person whose license or permit has been revoked or who has been found unsuitable in this state or any other jurisdiction from being eligible to obtain any license or permit pursuant to the provisions of the Gaming Control Law for a period of five years from the date the revocation or finding of unsuitability becomes final.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a person who has been found unsuitable or whose license, permit, or approval has been revoked, in this state or any other jurisdiction, may not apply for a license, permit, or approval or a finding of suitability for five years from the date there was a finding of unsuitability, or the license, permit or approval was revoked, unless the board allows the application for good cause shown.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits a person whose video poker license has been revoked from obtaining a license for a period of five years from the date of revocation.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a person who has been found unsuitable or whose license, permit or approval has been revoked, may not apply for a license, permit, or approval or a finding of suitability for five years from the date there was a finding of unsuitability, or the license, permit, or approval was revoked, unless the board allows the application for good cause shown.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Gaming Control Board to promulgate rules necessary to carry out <u>proposed law</u> restrictions.

<u>Present law</u> provides that in the awarding of a license, permit, casino operating contract, or other approval pursuant the board and division may consider that the person is not current in filing all applicable tax returns and in the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest owed the IRS, excluding items under formal appeal.

Proposed law retains this provision of present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that if the board or the division awards a license, permit, contract, or other approval to a person who is not current in payments owed to the IRS, the person shall subsequently be found unsuitable if he is not current in payments owed the Internal Revenue Service within 60 days of the issuance of such license, permit, contract, or other approval.

<u>Proposed law</u> deletes this provision of <u>present law</u>.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 27:28(E) and (J) and 431(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice</u> to the <u>engrossed</u> bill.

1. Removed the automatic declaration that a licensee is unsuitable for failure to be current in payments owed to the IRS within 60 days of the issuance of the permit or license.