



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 32*

132nd General Assembly

(As Reported by S. Government Oversight & Reform)

Reps. Seitz, Greenspan, Riedel, Hughes, Young, Kent, Bishoff, Blessing, Manning, McColley, Rogers, Miller, Patton, Reece, Retherford, Rezabek, Sheehy, Rosenberger

BILL SUMMARY

- Allows a casino operator or employee to participate in casino gaming at a casino facility, so long as the operator or employee does not have an interest in the facility, is not employed at the facility, and does not have an interest or employment at an affiliated facility in Ohio.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill permits a casino operator or employee to participate in casino gaming at a casino facility, so long as the operator or employee does not have an interest in the facility, is not employed at the facility, and does not have an interest or employment at an affiliated facility in Ohio.

The current Casino Control Law prohibits a casino operator or employee from purposely or knowingly participating in casino gaming, other than as part of operation or employment. The bill narrows this law so that it prohibits casino gaming only at the casino facility at which the operator or employee has an interest or is employed or at an affiliated casino facility in Ohio.¹ Under continuing law, a first-offense violation of the gaming prohibition is a first degree misdemeanor, which is punishable by a maximum of 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine. For a subsequent offense, the violation is a fifth

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 3772.99(D)(5).

degree felony, which is punishable by a maximum of 12 months in prison and a \$2,500 fine.²

As used in the Casino Control Law, "casino facility" means the Cleveland, Franklin County, Cincinnati, and Toledo casino facilities authorized by the Ohio Constitution.³

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-01-17
Reported, H. Criminal Justice	02-14-17
Passed House (94-3)	02-15-17
Reported, S. Gov't Oversight & Reform	---

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² R.C. 2929.14, 2929.18, 2929.24, 2929.28, and 3772.01, not in the bill.

³ Ohio Const. art. XV, sec. 6(C)(9).

