

### **99F.1 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

1. *"Adjusted gross receipts"* means the gross receipts less winnings paid to wagerers.
2. *"Applicant"* means any person applying for an occupational license or applying for a license to operate an excursion gambling boat, or the officers and members of the board of directors of a qualified sponsoring organization located in Iowa applying for a license to conduct gambling games on an excursion gambling boat.
3. *"Cheat"* means to alter the selection of criteria which determine the result of a gambling game or the amount or frequency of payment in a gambling game.
4. *"Commission"* means the state racing and gaming commission created under section 99D.5.
5. *"Distributor"* means a person who sells, markets, or otherwise distributes gambling games or implements of gambling which are usable in the lawful conduct of gambling games pursuant to this chapter, to a licensee authorized to conduct gambling games pursuant to this chapter.
6. *"Dock"* means the location where an excursion gambling boat moors for the purpose of embarking passengers for and disembarking passengers from a gambling excursion.
7. *"Excursion gambling boat"* means a self-propelled excursion boat on which lawful gambling is authorized and licensed as provided in this chapter.
8. *"Gambling excursion"* means the time during which gambling games may be operated on an excursion gambling boat whether docked or during a cruise.
9. *"Gambling game"* means any game of chance authorized by the commission. However, for racetrack enclosures, "gambling game" does not include table games of chance or video machines. "Gambling game" does not include sports betting.
10. *"Gross receipts"* means the total sums wagered under this chapter.
11. *"Holder of occupational license"* means a person licensed by the commission to perform an occupation which the commission has identified as requiring a license to engage in excursion boat gambling in Iowa.
12. *"Licensee"* means any person licensed under section 99F.7.
13. *"Manufacturer"* means a person who designs, assembles, fabricates, produces, constructs, or who otherwise prepares a product or a component part of a product of any implement of gambling usable in the lawful conduct of gambling games pursuant to this chapter.
14. *"Qualified sponsoring organization"* means a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of this state, whether or not it is exempt from federal income taxation, or a person or association that can show to the satisfaction of the commission that the person or association is eligible for exemption from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code as defined in section 422.3.
15. *"Racetrack enclosure"* means the grandstand, clubhouse, turf club, or other areas of a licensed racetrack which an individual may enter only upon payment of an admission fee, or

upon payment by another, at any time, based upon the individual's admittance, or upon presentation of authorized credentials. "*Racetrack enclosure*" also means any additional areas designated by the commission.

**99F.2 Scope of provisions.**

This chapter does not apply to the pari-mutuel system of wagering used or intended to be used in connection with the horse-race or dog-race meetings as authorized under chapter 99D, lottery or lotto games authorized under chapter 99E, or bingo or games of skill or chance authorized under chapter 99B.

**99F.3 Excursion boat gambling authorized.**

The system of wagering on a gambling game as provided by this chapter is legal, when conducted on an excursion gambling boat at authorized locations by a licensee as provided in this chapter.

**99F.4 Powers.**

The commission shall have full jurisdiction over and shall supervise all gambling operations governed by this chapter. The commission shall have the following powers and shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this chapter:

1. To investigate applicants and determine the eligibility of applicants for a license and to select among competing applicants for a license the applicant which best serves the interests of the citizens of Iowa.
2. To license qualified sponsoring organizations, to license the operators of excursion gambling boats, to identify occupations within the excursion gambling boat operations which require licensing, and to adopt standards for licensing the occupations including establishing fees for the occupational licenses and licenses for qualified sponsoring organizations. The fees shall be paid to the commission and deposited in the general fund of the state. All revenue received by the commission under this chapter from license fees and admission fees shall be deposited in the general fund of the state and shall be subject to the requirements of section 8.60.
3. To adopt standards under which all excursion gambling boat operations shall be held and standards for the facilities within which the gambling operations are to be held. The commission may authorize the operation of gambling games on an excursion gambling boat which is also licensed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages, wine, or beer as defined in section 123.3.
4. To license the licensee of a pari-mutuel dog or horse racetrack enclosure subject to the provisions of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter relating to gambling except as otherwise provided in section 99F.4A.
5. To enter the office, excursion gambling boat, facilities, or other places of business of a licensee to determine compliance with this chapter.
6. To investigate alleged violations of this chapter or the commission rules, orders, or final decisions and to take appropriate disciplinary action against a licensee or a holder of an occupational license for a violation, or institute appropriate legal action for enforcement, or both.

7. To require a licensee, an employee of a licensee or holder of an occupational license to remove a person violating a provision of this chapter or the commission rules, orders, or final orders, or other person deemed to be undesirable, from the excursion gambling boat facilities.

8. To require the removal of a licensee, an employee of a licensee, or a holder of an occupational license for a violation of this chapter or a commission rule or engaging in a fraudulent practice.

9. To require a licensee to file an annual balance sheet and profit and loss statement pertaining to the licensee's gambling activities in this state, together with a list of the stockholders or other persons having any beneficial interest in the gambling activities of each licensee.

10. To issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces tecum for the production of books, records, and other pertinent documents in accordance with chapter 17A, and to administer oaths and affirmations to the witnesses, when, in the judgment of the commission, it is necessary to enforce this chapter or the commission rules.

11. To keep accurate and complete records of its proceedings and to certify the records as may be appropriate.

12. To assess a fine and revoke or suspend licenses.

13. To take any other action as may be reasonable or appropriate to enforce this chapter and the commission rules.

14. To require all licensees of gambling game operations to utilize a cashless wagering system whereby all players' money is converted to tokens, electronic cards, or chips which only can be used for wagering on the excursion gambling boat.

15. To determine the payouts from the gambling games authorized under this chapter. In making the determination of payouts, the commission shall consider factors that provide gambling and entertainment opportunities which are beneficial to the gambling licensees and the general public.

16. To set the payout rate for all slot machines.

17. To define the excursion season and the duration of an excursion. While an excursion gambling boat is docked, passengers may embark or disembark at any time during its business hours.

18. To provide for the continuous videotaping of all gambling activities on an excursion boat. The videotaping shall be performed under guidelines set by rule of the division of criminal investigation and the rules may require that all or part of the original tapes be submitted to the division on a timely schedule.

19. To provide for adequate security aboard each excursion gambling boat.

20. To establish minimum charges for admission to excursion gambling boats and regulate the number of free admissions.

21. Drug testing, as permitted by section 730.5, shall be required periodically, not less than every sixty days, of persons employed as captains, pilots, or physical operators of excursion gambling boats under the provisions of this chapter.

22. To provide that a licensee prominently display at each gambling facility the annual percentage rate of state and local tax revenue collected by state and local government from the

gambling facility annually.

**99F.4A Gambling games at pari-mutuel racetracks--fees and taxes.**

1. Upon application, the commission shall license the licensee of a pari-mutuel dog or horse racetrack to operate gambling games at a pari-mutuel racetrack enclosure subject to the provisions of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter relating to gambling except as otherwise provided in this section.

2. A license to operate gambling games shall be issued only to a licensee holding a valid license to conduct pari-mutuel dog or horse racing pursuant to chapter 99D on January 1, 1994.

3. A person holding a valid license pursuant to chapter 99D to conduct pari-mutuel wagering at a dog or horse racetrack is exempt from further investigation and examination for licensing to operate a gambling game pursuant to this chapter. However, the commission may order future investigations or examinations as the commission finds appropriate.

4. The fee imposed in section 99D.14, subsection 2, shall be collected for admission to a racetrack enclosure where gambling games are licensed to operate in lieu of the admission fee imposed in section 99F.10.

5. In lieu of the annual license fee specified in section 99F.5, the annual license fee for operating gambling games at a pari-mutuel racetrack shall be one thousand dollars.

6. The adjusted gross receipts received from gambling games shall be taxed at the same rates and the proceeds distributed in the same manner as provided in section 99F.11.

7. A licensee shall keep its books and records regarding the operation of gambling games in compliance with section 99F.12, as applicable.

8. A licensee shall pay a fee in an amount representing one hundred percent of the salary and other related costs of the division of criminal investigation of the department of public safety for enforcement of this chapter.

**99F.4B Rules.**

The department of inspections and appeals shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible with the division of criminal investigation in adopting rules relating to the gaming operations in this chapter and chapter 99D.

**99F.5 Licenses for conducting gambling games on an excursion boat and for boat operators--applications--fee.**

1. A qualified sponsoring organization may apply to the commission for a license to conduct gambling games on an excursion gambling boat as provided in this chapter. A person may apply to the commission for a license to operate an excursion gambling boat. The application shall be filed with the administrator of the commission at least ninety days before the first day of the next excursion season as determined by the commission, shall identify the excursion gambling boat upon which gambling games will be authorized, shall specify the exact location where the excursion gambling boat will be docked, and shall be in a form and contain information as the commission prescribes. The minimum passenger capacity of an excursion gambling boat is two hundred fifty persons.

2. The annual license fee to operate an excursion gambling boat shall be based on the passenger-carrying capacity including crew, for which the excursion gambling boat is registered. The annual fee shall be five dollars per person capacity.

**99F.6 Requirements of applicant--fee--penalty.**

1. A person shall not be issued a license to conduct gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or a license to operate an excursion gambling boat under this chapter, an occupational license, a distributor license, or a manufacturer license unless the person has completed and signed an application on the form prescribed and published by the commission. The application shall include the full name, residence, date of birth and other personal identifying information of the applicant that the commission deems necessary. The application shall also indicate whether the applicant has any of the following:

- a. A record of conviction of a felony.
- b. An addiction to alcohol or a controlled substance.
- c. A history of mental illness.

2. An applicant shall submit pictures, fingerprints, and descriptions of physical characteristics to the commission in the manner prescribed on the application forms.

3. The commission shall charge the applicant a fee set by the department of public safety, division of criminal investigation and bureau of identification, to defray the costs associated with the search and classification of fingerprints required in subsection 2 and background investigations conducted by agents of the division of criminal investigation. This fee is in addition to any other license fee charged by the commission.

4. a. Before a license is granted, the division of criminal investigation of the department of public safety shall conduct a thorough background investigation of the applicant for a license to operate a gambling game operation on an excursion gambling boat. The applicant shall provide information on a form as required by the division of criminal investigation. A qualified sponsoring organization licensed to operate gambling games under this chapter shall distribute the receipts of all gambling games, less reasonable expenses, charges, taxes, fees, and deductions allowed under this chapter, as winnings to players or participants or shall distribute the receipts for educational, civic, public, charitable, patriotic, or religious uses as defined in section 99B.7, subsection 3, paragraph "b". However, if a licensee who is also licensed to conduct pari-mutuel wagering at a horse racetrack has unpaid debt from the pari-mutuel racetrack operations, the first receipts of the gambling games operated within the racetrack enclosure less reasonable operating expenses, taxes, and fees allowed under this chapter shall be first used to pay the annual indebtedness. The commission shall authorize, subject to the debt payments for horse racetracks and the provisions of paragraph "b" for dog racetracks, a licensee who is also licensed to conduct pari-mutuel dog or horse racing to use receipts from gambling games within the racetrack enclosure to supplement purses for races particularly for Iowa-bred horses pursuant to an agreement which shall be negotiated between the licensee and representatives of the dog or horse owners. A qualified sponsoring organization shall not make a contribution to a candidate, political committee, candidate's committee, state statutory political committee, county statutory political committee, national political party, or fund- raising event as these terms are defined in

section 56.2. The membership of the board of directors of a qualified sponsoring organization shall represent a broad interest of the communities.

*b.* The commission shall authorize the licensees of pari-mutuel dog racetracks located in Dubuque county and Black Hawk county to conduct gambling games as provided in section 99F.4A if the licensees schedule at least one hundred thirty performances of twelve live races each day during a season of twenty-five weeks. For the pari-mutuel dog racetrack located in Pottawattamie county, the commission shall authorize the licensee to conduct gambling games as provided in section 99F.4A if the licensee schedules at least two hundred ninety performances of twelve live races each day during a season of fifty weeks. The commission shall approve an annual contract to be negotiated between the annual recipient of the dog racing promotion fund and each dog racetrack licensee to specify the percentage or amount of gambling game proceeds which shall be dedicated to supplement the purses of live dog races. The parties shall agree to a negotiation timetable to insure no interruption of business activity. If the parties fail to agree, the commission shall impose a timetable. If the two parties cannot reach agreement, each party shall select a representative and the two representatives shall select a third person to assist in negotiating an agreement. The two representatives may select the commission or one of its members to serve as the third party. Alternately, each party shall submit the name of the proposed third person to the commission who shall then select one of the two persons to serve as the third party. All parties to the negotiations, including the commission, shall consider that the dog racetracks were built to facilitate the development and promotion of Iowa greyhound racing dogs in this state and shall negotiate and decide accordingly.

5. Before a license is granted, an operator of an excursion gambling boat shall work with the department of economic development to promote tourism throughout Iowa. Tourism information from local, civic and private persons may be submitted for dissemination.

6. A person who knowingly makes a false statement on the application is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

7. For the purposes of this section, applicant includes each member of the board of directors of a qualified sponsoring organization.

8. *a.* The licensee or a holder of an occupational license shall consent to the search, without a warrant, by agents of the division of criminal investigation of the department of public safety or commission employees designated by the secretary of the commission, of the licensee's or holder's person, personal property, and effects, and premises which are located on the excursion gambling boat or adjacent facilities under control of the licensee, in order to inspect or investigate for violations of this chapter or rules adopted by the commission pursuant to this chapter. The department or commission may also obtain administrative search warrants under section 808.14.

*b.* However, this subsection shall not be construed to permit a warrantless inspection of living quarters or sleeping rooms on the riverboat if all of the following are true:

(1) The licensee has specifically identified those areas which are to be used as living quarters or sleeping rooms in writing to the commission.

(2) Gaming is not permitted in the living quarters or sleeping rooms, and devices, records, or other items relating to the licensee's gaming operations are not stored, kept, or maintained in

the living quarters or sleeping rooms.

(3) Alcoholic beverages are not stored, kept, or maintained in the living quarters or sleeping rooms except those legally possessed by the individual occupying the quarters or room.

c. The commission shall adopt rules to enforce this subsection.

#### **99F.7 Licenses--terms and conditions--revocation.**

1. If the commission is satisfied that this chapter and its rules adopted under this chapter applicable to licensees have been or will be complied with, the commission shall issue a license for a period of not more than three years to an applicant to own a gambling game operation and to an applicant to operate an excursion gambling boat. The commission shall decide which of the gambling games authorized under this chapter it will permit. The commission shall decide the number, location, and type of excursion gambling boats licensed under this chapter for operation on the rivers, lakes, and reservoirs of this state. The license shall set forth the name of the licensee, the type of license granted, the place where the excursion gambling boats will operate and dock, and the time and number of days during the excursion season and the off season when gambling may be conducted by the licensee. The commission shall not allow a licensee to conduct gambling games on an excursion gambling boat while docked during the off season if the licensee does not operate gambling excursions for a minimum number of days during the excursion season. The commission may delay the commencement of the excursion season at the request of a licensee.

2. A license shall only be granted to an applicant upon the express conditions that:

a. The applicant shall not, by a lease, contract, understanding, or arrangement of any kind, grant, assign, or turn over to a person the operation of an excursion gambling boat licensed under this section or of the system of wagering described in section 99F.9. This section does not prohibit a management contract approved by the commission.

b. The applicant shall not in any manner permit a person other than the licensee to have a share, percentage, or proportion of the money received for admissions to the excursion gambling boat.

3. The commission shall require, as a condition of granting a license, that an applicant to operate an excursion gambling boat develop, and as nearly as practicable, recreate boats that resemble Iowa's riverboat history.

4. The commission shall require that an applicant utilize Iowa resources, goods and services in the operation of an excursion gambling boat. The commission shall develop standards to assure that a substantial amount of all resources and goods used in the operation of an excursion gambling boat come from Iowa and that a substantial amount of all services and entertainment be provided by Iowans.

5. The commission shall, as a condition of granting a license, require an applicant to provide written documentation that, on each excursion gambling boat:

a. An applicant shall make every effort to ensure that a substantial number of the staff and entertainers employed are residents of Iowa.

b. A section is reserved solely for activities and interests of persons under the age of twenty-one and is staffed to provide adequate supervision.

*c.* A section is reserved for promotion and sale of arts, crafts, and gifts native to and made in Iowa.

6. It is the intent of the general assembly that employees be paid at least twenty-five percent above the federal minimum wage level.

7. A license shall not be granted if there is substantial evidence that any of the following apply:

*a.* The applicant has been suspended from operating a game of chance or gambling operation in another jurisdiction by a board or commission of that jurisdiction.

*b.* The applicant has not demonstrated financial responsibility sufficient to meet adequately the requirements of the enterprise proposed.

*c.* The applicant is not the true owner of the enterprise proposed.

*d.* The applicant is not the sole owner, and other persons have ownership in the enterprise, which fact has not been disclosed.

*e.* The applicant is a corporation and ten percent of the stock of the corporation is subject to a contract or option to purchase at any time during the period for which the license is to be issued unless the contract or option was disclosed to the commission and the commission approved the sale or transfer during the period of the license.

*f.* The applicant has knowingly made a false statement of a material fact to the commission.

*g.* The applicant has failed to meet a monetary obligation in connection with an excursion gambling boat.

8. A license shall not be granted if there is substantial evidence that the applicant is not of good repute and moral character or if the applicant has pled guilty to, or has been convicted of, a felony.

9. A licensee shall not loan to any person money or any other thing of value for the purpose of permitting that person to wager on any game of chance.

10. *a.* A license to conduct gambling games on an excursion gambling boat in a county shall be issued only if the county electorate approves the conduct of the gambling games as provided in this subsection. The board of supervisors, upon receipt of a valid petition meeting the requirements of section 331.306, shall direct the commissioner of elections to submit to the registered voters of the county a proposition to approve or disapprove the conduct of gambling games on an excursion gambling boat in the county. The proposition shall be submitted at a general election or at a special election called for that purpose. To be submitted at a general election, the petition must be received by the board of supervisors at least five working days before the last day for candidates for county offices to file nomination papers for the general election pursuant to section 44.4. If a majority of the county voters voting on the proposition favor the conduct of gambling games, the commission may issue one or more licenses as provided in this chapter. If a majority of the county voters voting on the proposition do not favor the conduct of gambling games, a license to conduct gambling games in the county shall not be issued.

*b.* If licenses to conduct gambling games and to operate an excursion gambling boat are in



effect pursuant to a referendum as set forth in this section and are subsequently disapproved by a referendum of the county electorate, the licenses issued by the commission after a referendum approving gambling games on excursion gambling boats shall remain valid and are subject to renewal for a total of nine years from the date of original issue unless the commission revokes a license at an earlier date as provided in this chapter.

*c.* If a licensee of a pari-mutuel racetrack who held a valid license issued under chapter 99D as of January 1, 1994, requests a license to operate gambling games as provided in this chapter, the board of supervisors of a county in which the licensee of a pari-mutuel racetrack requests a license to operate gambling games shall submit to the county electorate a proposition to approve or disapprove the operation of gambling games at pari-mutuel racetracks at a special election at the earliest practicable time. If the operation of gambling games at the pari-mutuel racetrack is not approved by a majority of the county electorate voting on the proposition at the election, the commission shall not issue a license to operate gambling games at the racetrack.

*d.* If the proposition to operate gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a racetrack enclosure is approved by a majority of the county electorate voting on the proposition, the board of supervisors shall submit the same proposition to the county electorate at the general election held in 2002 and, unless the operation of gambling games is not terminated earlier as provided in this chapter or chapter 99D, at the general election held at each subsequent eight-year interval.

*e.* After a referendum has been held which defeated a proposal to conduct gambling games on excursion gambling boats or which defeated a proposal to conduct gambling games at a licensed pari-mutuel racetrack enclosure as provided in this section, another referendum on a proposal to conduct gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a licensed pari-mutuel racetrack shall not be held for at least two years.

11. If a docking fee is charged by a city or a county, a licensee operating an excursion gambling boat shall pay the docking fee one year in advance.

12. A licensee shall not be delinquent in the payment of property taxes or other taxes or fees or in the payment of any other contractual obligation or debt due or owed to a city or county.

13. An excursion gambling boat operated on inland waters of this state shall meet all of the requirements of chapter 462A and is subject to an inspection of its sanitary facilities to protect the environment and water quality before a certificate of registration is issued by the department of natural resources or a license is issued under this chapter.

14. If a licensed excursion boat stops at more than one harbor and travels past a county without stopping at any port in that county, the commission shall require the excursion boat operator to develop a schedule for ports of call in which a county referendum has been approved, and the port of call has the necessary facilities to handle the boat. The commission may limit the schedule to only one port of call per county.

15. Upon a violation of any of the conditions listed in this section, the commission shall immediately revoke the license.

16. The commission shall require each licensee operating gambling games to post in conspicuous locations specified by the commission the average percentage payout from the gambling machines.

**99F.8 Bond of licensee.**

A licensee licensed under section 99F.7 shall post a bond to the state of Iowa before the license is issued in a sum as the commission shall fix, with sureties to be approved by the commission. The bond shall be used to guarantee that the licensee faithfully makes the payments, keeps its books and records and makes reports, and conducts its gambling games in conformity with this chapter and the rules adopted by the commission. The bond shall not be canceled by a surety on less than thirty days' notice in writing to the commission. If a bond is canceled and the licensee fails to file a new bond with the commission in the required amount on or before the effective date of cancellation, the licensee's license shall be revoked. The total and aggregate liability of the surety on the bond is limited to the amount specified in the bond.

**99F.9 Wagering--age restrictions.**

1. Except as permitted in this section, the licensee shall permit no form of wagering on gambling games.

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3. The licensee may receive wagers only from a person present on a licensed excursion gambling boat or in a licensed racetrack enclosure.

4. The licensee shall exchange the money of each wagerer for tokens, chips, or other forms of credit to be wagered on the gambling games. However, nickels and quarters of legal tender may be used for wagering in lieu of tokens or other forms of credit. The licensee shall exchange the gambling tokens, chips, or other forms of wagering credit for money at the request of the wagerer.

5. A person under the age of twenty-one years shall not make a wager on an excursion gambling boat and shall not be allowed in the area of the excursion boat where gambling is being conducted. However, a person eighteen years of age or older may be employed to work in a gambling area.

6. A licensee shall not accept a credit card as defined in section 537.1301, subsection 16, to purchase coins, tokens, or other forms of credit to be wagered on gambling games.

**99F.10 Admission fee--tax--local fees.**

1. A qualified sponsoring organization conducting gambling games on an excursion gambling boat licensed under section 99F.7 shall pay the tax imposed by section 99F.11.

2. An excursion boat licensee shall pay to the commission an admission fee for each person embarking on an excursion gambling boat with a ticket of admission. The admission fee shall be set by the commission.

*a.* If tickets are issued which are good for more than one excursion, the admission fee shall be paid for each person using the ticket on each excursion that the ticket is used.

*b.* If free passes or complimentary admission tickets are issued, the licensee shall pay the same fee upon these passes or complimentary tickets as if they were sold at the regular and usual admission rate.

*c.* However, the excursion boat licensee may issue fee-free passes to actual and necessary

officials and employees of the licensee or other persons actually working on the excursion gambling boat.

d. The issuance of fee-free passes is subject to the rules of the commission, and a list of all persons to whom the fee-free passes are issued shall be filed with the commission.

3. In addition to the admission fee charged under subsection 2 and subject to approval of excursion gambling boat docking by the voters, a city may adopt, by ordinance, an admission fee not exceeding fifty cents for each person embarking on an excursion gambling boat docked within the city or a county may adopt, by ordinance, an admission fee not exceeding fifty cents for each person embarking on an excursion gambling boat docked outside the boundaries of a city. The admission revenue received by a city or a county shall be credited to the city general fund or county general fund as applicable.

4. In determining the license fees and state admission fees to be charged as provided under section 99F.4 and this section, the commission shall use the amount appropriated to the commission plus the cost of salaries for no more than two special agents and no more than four gaming enforcement officers for each excursion gambling boat for the division of criminal investigation's excursion gambling boat activities and an amount for all licensees, not to exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, representing other associated costs of the division, as the basis for determining the amount of revenue to be raised from the license fees and admission fees. The division's salary costs shall be limited to eighty percent of the salary costs for special agents and eighty percent of the salary costs for gaming enforcement for personnel assigned to excursion gambling boats who enforce laws and rules adopted by the commission.

5. No other license tax, permit tax, occupation tax, excursion fee, or taxes on fees shall be levied, assessed, or collected from a licensee by the state or by a political subdivision, except as provided in this chapter.

6. No other excise tax shall be levied, assessed, or collected from the licensee relating to gambling excursions or admission charges by the state or by a political subdivision, except as provided in this chapter.

#### **99F.10A Payment of the division of criminal investigation costs.**

A licensee shall pay twenty percent of the division's salary costs for special agents and twenty percent of the division's salary costs for gaming enforcement plus any amount over one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars in direct and indirect support costs, in addition to that assessed under section 99F.10, subsection 4. The costs assessed in this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.

#### **99F.11 Wagering tax--rate--allocations.**

A tax is imposed on the adjusted gross receipts received annually from gambling games authorized under this chapter at the rate of five percent on the first one million dollars of adjusted gross receipts, at the rate of ten percent on the next two million dollars of adjusted gross receipts, and at the rate of twenty percent on any amount of adjusted gross receipts over three million dollars. However, beginning January 1, 1997, the rate on any amount of adjusted gross receipts over three million dollars from gambling games at racetrack enclosures is twenty-two percent and

shall increase by two percent each succeeding calendar year until the rate is thirty-six percent. The taxes imposed by this section shall be paid by the licensee to the treasurer of state within ten days after the close of the day when the wagers were made and shall be distributed as follows:

1. If the gambling excursion originated at a dock located in a city, one-half of one percent of the adjusted gross receipts shall be remitted to the treasurer of the city in which the dock is located and shall be deposited in the general fund of the city. Another one-half of one percent of the adjusted gross receipts shall be remitted to the treasurer of the county in which the dock is located and shall be deposited in the general fund of the county.

2. If the gambling excursion originated at a dock located in a part of the county outside a city, one-half of one percent of the adjusted gross receipts shall be remitted to the treasurer of the county in which the dock is located and shall be deposited in the general fund of the county. Another one-half of one percent of the adjusted gross receipts shall be remitted to the treasurer of the Iowa city nearest to where the dock is located and shall be deposited in the general fund of the city.

3. Three-tenths of one percent of the adjusted gross receipts shall be deposited in the gambling treatment fund specified in section 99E.10, subsection 1, paragraph "a".

4. The remaining amount of the adjusted gross receipts tax shall be credited to the general fund of the state.

#### **99F.12 Licensees--records--reports--supervision.**

A licensee shall keep its books and records so as to clearly show all of the following:

1. The total number of admissions to gambling excursions conducted by the licensee on each day, including the number of admissions upon free passes or complimentary tickets.

2. The amount received daily from admission fees.

3. The total amount of money wagered during each excursion day and the adjusted gross receipts for the day.

The licensee shall furnish to the commission reports and information as the commission may require with respect to its activities. The gross receipts and adjusted gross receipts from gambling shall be separately handled and accounted for from all other moneys received from operation of an excursion gambling boat. The commission may designate a representative to board a licensed excursion gambling boat, who shall have full access to all places within the enclosure of the boat, who shall directly supervise the handling and accounting of all gross receipts and adjusted gross receipts from gambling, and who shall supervise and check the admissions. The compensation of a representative shall be fixed by the commission but shall be paid by the licensee.

The books and records kept by a licensee as provided by this section are public records and the examination, publication, and dissemination of the books and records are governed by the provisions of chapter 22.

#### **99F.13 Annual audit of licensee operations.**

Within ninety days after the end of the licensee's fiscal year, the licensee shall transmit to

the commission an audit of the financial transactions and condition of the licensee's total operations. All audits shall be conducted by certified public accountants registered or licensed in the state of Iowa under chapter 542C.

**99F.14 Annual report of commission.**

The commission shall make an annual report to the governor, for the period ending December 31 of each year. Included in the report shall be an account of the commission's actions, its financial position and results of operation under this chapter, the practical results attained under this chapter, and any recommendations for legislation which the commission deems advisable.

**99F.15 Prohibited activities--penalties.**

1. A person is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor for any of the following:
  - a. Operating a gambling excursion where wagering is used or to be used without a license issued by the commission.
  - b. Operating a gambling excursion where wagering is permitted other than in the manner specified by section 99F.9.
  - c. Acting, or employing a person to act, as a shill or decoy to encourage participation in a gambling game.
2. A person knowingly permitting a person under the age of twenty-one years to make a wager is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.
3. A person wagering or accepting a wager at any location outside an excursion gambling boat or a racetrack enclosure is in violation of section 725.7.
4. A person commits a class "D" felony and, in addition, shall be barred for life from excursion gambling boats under the jurisdiction of the commission, if the person does any of the following:
  - a. Offers, promises, or gives anything of value or benefit to a person who is connected with an excursion gambling boat operator including, but not limited to, an officer or employee of a licensee or holder of an occupational license pursuant to an agreement or arrangement or with the intent that the promise or thing of value or benefit will influence the actions of the person to whom the offer, promise, or gift was made in order to affect or attempt to affect the outcome of a gambling game, or to influence official action of a member of the commission.
  - b. Solicits or knowingly accepts or receives a promise of anything of value or benefit while the person is connected with an excursion gambling boat including, but not limited to, an officer or employee of a licensee, or holder of an occupational license, pursuant to an understanding or arrangement or with the intent that the promise or thing of value or benefit will influence the actions of the person to affect or attempt to affect the outcome of a gambling game, or to influence official action of a member of the commission.
  - c. Uses a device to assist in any of the following:
    - (1) In projecting the outcome of the game.
    - (2) In keeping track of the cards played.

(3) In analyzing the probability of the occurrence of an event relating to the gambling game.

(4) In analyzing the strategy for playing or betting to be used in the game except as permitted by the commission.

*d.* Cheats at a gambling game.

*e.* Manufactures, sells, or distributes any cards, chips, dice, game or device which is intended to be used to violate any provision of this chapter.

*f.* Instructs a person in cheating or in the use of a device for that purpose with the knowledge or intent that the information or use conveyed may be employed to violate any provision of the chapter.

*g.* Alters or misrepresents the outcome of a gambling game on which wagers have been made after the outcome is made sure but before it is revealed to the players.

*h.* Places a bet after acquiring knowledge, not available to all players, of the outcome of the gambling game which is the subject of the bet or to aid a person in acquiring the knowledge for the purpose of placing a bet contingent on that outcome.

*i.* Claims, collects, or takes, or attempts to claim, collect, or take, money or anything of value in or from the gambling games, with intent to defraud, without having made a wager contingent on winning a gambling game, or claims, collects, or takes an amount of money or thing of value of greater value than the amount won.

*j.* Knowingly entices or induces a person to go to any place where a gambling game is being conducted or operated in violation of the provisions of this chapter with the intent that the other person plays or participates in that gambling game.

*k.* Uses counterfeit chips or tokens in a gambling game.

*l.* Knowingly uses, other than chips, tokens, coin, or other methods or credit approved by the commission, legal tender of the United States of America, or uses coin not of the denomination as the coin intended to be used in the gambling games.

*m.* Has in the person's possession any device intended to be used to violate a provision of this chapter.

*n.* Has in the person's possession, except a gambling licensee or employee of a gambling licensee acting in furtherance of the employee's employment, any key or device designed for the purpose of opening, entering, or affecting the operation of a gambling game, drop box, or an electronic or mechanical device connected with the gambling game or for removing coins, tokens, chips or other contents of a gambling game.

5. The possession of more than one of the devices described in subsection 4, paragraphs "c", "e", "m", or "n", permits a rebuttable inference that the possessor intended to use the devices for cheating.

6. Except for wagers on gambling games or exchanges for money as provided in section 99F.9, subsection 4, a licensee who exchanges tokens, chips, or other forms of credit to be used on gambling games for anything of value commits a simple misdemeanor.

#### **99F.16 Forfeiture of property.**

1. Anything of value, including all traceable proceeds including but not limited to real

and personal property, moneys, negotiable instruments, securities, and conveyances, is subject to forfeiture to the state of Iowa if the item was used for any of the following:

- a.* In exchange for a bribe intended to affect the outcome of a gambling game.
- b.* In exchange for or to facilitate a violation of this chapter.

2. Except for coins authorized in section 99F.9, subsection 4, all moneys, coin, and currency found in close proximity of wagers, or of records of wagers are presumed forfeited. The burden of proof is upon the claimant of the property to rebut this presumption.

3. Subsections 1 and 2 do not apply if the act or omission which would give rise to the forfeiture was committed or omitted without the owner's knowledge or consent.

4. Upon receipt of forfeited property, the county attorney or attorney general shall permit an owner or lienholder of record having a nonforfeitable property interest in the property the opportunity to purchase the property interest forfeited. If the owner or lienholder does not exercise the option under this subsection within thirty days the option is terminated, unless the time for exercising the option is extended by the county attorney or attorney general.

5. A person having a valid, recorded lien or property interest in forfeited property, which has not been purchased pursuant to subsection 4, shall either be reimbursed to the extent of the nonforfeitable interest or to the extent that the sale of the item produces sufficient revenue to do so, whichever amount is less. The sale of forfeited property should be conducted in a manner which is commercially reasonable and calculated to provide a sufficient return to cover the costs of the sale and reimburse any nonforfeitable interest. The validity of a lien or property interest is determined as of the date upon which property becomes forfeitable.

6. This section does not preclude a civil suit by an owner of an interest in forfeited property against the party who, by criminal use, caused the property to become forfeited to the state.

#### **99F.17 Distributors and manufacturers--licenses.**

1. A manufacturer or distributor of gambling games or implements of gambling shall annually apply for a license upon a form prescribed by the commission before the first day of April in each year and shall submit the appropriate license fee. An applicant shall provide the necessary information as the commission requires. The license fee for a distributor is one thousand dollars, and the license fee for a manufacturer is two hundred fifty dollars. The license fees shall be credited to the general fund of the state as provided for in section 99F.4, subsection 2.

2. A licensee shall acquire all gambling games or implements of gambling from a distributor licensed pursuant to this chapter. A licensee shall not sell or give gambling games or implements of gambling to another licensee.

3. A licensee shall not be a manufacturer or distributor of gambling games or implements of gambling.

4. The commission may suspend or revoke the license of a distributor or manufacturer for a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted pursuant to this chapter committed by the distributor or manufacturer or an officer, director, employee, or agent of the manufacturer or distributor.

5. The manufacturer or distributor of gambling games or implements of gambling shall provide the commission with a copy of the invoice showing the items shipped to the licensee and

a copy of the bill of lading.

6. Subsection 2 does not apply in the following cases, if approved by the commission:

*a.* Gambling games or implements of gambling previously installed on an excursion gambling boat licensed in another jurisdiction.

*b.* Gambling games or implements of gambling previously installed on an excursion gambling boat licensed in this state.

**99F.17A Inspection of gambling games or implements of gambling.**

A licensed manufacturer or distributor of gambling games or implements of gambling shall deliver the gambling games or implements of gambling to a location approved by the commission for inspection and approval prior to being placed in operation. Gambling games or implements of gambling acquired pursuant to section 99F.17, subsection 6, shall be inspected and approved by the commission prior to being placed in operation. Gambling games or implements of gambling passing inspection and receiving approval may then be placed in operation on an excursion gambling boat.

**99F.18 Tax on winnings.**

All winnings derived from slot machines operated pursuant to this chapter are Iowa earned income and are subject to state and federal income tax laws. An amount deducted from winnings for payment of the state tax, pursuant to section 422.16, subsection 1, shall be remitted to the department of revenue and finance on behalf of the winner.