



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6129**

LCO No. 3514

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MINORS IN CLASS III GAMING FACILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) For the purposes of  
2 this section:

3 (1) "Gaming facility" means any room in which class III gaming, as  
4 legally authorized pursuant to a tribal-state compact governing the  
5 conduct of gaming activities on Indian lands or federal procedures  
6 issued by the Secretary of the Interior, is conducted, but does not  
7 include a room limited to the play of bazaar games;

8 (2) "Class III gaming" has the same meaning as provided in the  
9 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 USC 2703; and

10 (3) "Alcoholic liquor" has the same meaning as provided in section  
11 30-1 of the general statutes.

12 (b) No person under the minimum age for the purchase of alcoholic  
13 liquor under the provisions of chapter 545 of the general statutes shall  
14 be present in any gaming facility, except that, unless otherwise  
15 prohibited by law, a person over the age of majority may be employed

16 in a gaming facility if such person has obtained any license required by  
17 the state for such employment and such employment does not include  
18 handling or serving alcoholic liquor. Any person under such minimum  
19 age for the purchase of alcoholic liquor who violates this subsection  
20 shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor and shall be fined not  
21 more than one hundred dollars.

22 (c) Any person under the minimum age for the purchase of  
23 alcoholic liquor under the provisions of chapter 545 of the general  
24 statutes who is present in any gaming facility and directly or indirectly  
25 places a wager in such gaming facility shall be guilty of a class A  
26 misdemeanor.

27 (d) Any person under the minimum age for the purchase of  
28 alcoholic liquor under the provisions of chapter 545 of the general  
29 statutes who, for the purpose of gaining access to a gaming facility, (1)  
30 misrepresents such person's age, or (2) uses or exhibits (A) a forged,  
31 counterfeit or altered government-issued identity card, passport or  
32 motor vehicle operator's license, or (B) a government-issued identity  
33 card, passport or motor vehicle operator's license belonging to any  
34 other person, shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor and shall  
35 be fined not less than one hundred or more than five hundred dollars  
36 or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

37 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit minors  
38 from receiving lottery tickets or chances in lawfully operated games of  
39 chance as gifts.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish minimum age requirements for entering and placing wagers in the gaming area of a casino and to establish penalties for the violation of such requirements.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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