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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CREATING A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR A RESORT-CASINO FACILITY.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Not later than November 1, 2019,
2 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall develop and issue a
3 request for proposals to qualify an individual, a business organization
4 or an Indian tribe to develop, manage, operate and maintain a resort-
5 casino facility in the state.

6 (b) The request for proposals shall require a responder to:

7 (1) Provide an outline of the significant benefits that the proposed
8 resort-casino facility will bring to the municipality in which the
9 proposed resort-casino facility may be located, the surrounding
10 municipalities and the state, and include a marketing and tourism
11 plan;

12 (2) Submit (A) a development agreement entered into by the
13 responder with a municipality regarding the establishment of the
14 proposed resort-casino facility in the municipality, that (i) requires the

15 responder to make an annual payment to the municipality in an
16 amount not less than eight million dollars if and when the proposed
17 resort-casino facility becomes operational, and (ii) was approved,
18 notwithstanding the provisions of any municipal charter, special act or
19 ordinance, by a referendum of the municipality not later than January
20 1, 2020, and (B) a plan for revenue sharing with municipalities
21 surrounding the municipality in which the proposed resort-casino
22 facility may be located;

23 (3) Submit a workforce development agreement entered into by the
24 responder with a municipality regarding the establishment of a
25 regional workforce development center to be located in the
26 municipality for the purposes of training employees of the proposed
27 resort-casino facility;

28 (4) Submit a market analysis detailing the benefits of the proposed
29 resort-casino facility;

30 (5) Agree to make a total investment of not less than five hundred
31 million dollars in the proposed resort-casino facility;

32 (6) Provide information and documentation to demonstrate that the
33 responder has sufficient business ability, experience and financial
34 stability to develop, manage, operate and maintain the proposed
35 resort-casino facility;

36 (7) Submit the designs for the proposed resort-casino facility and a
37 timeline for its construction;

38 (8) Estimate the number of employees, which shall be not less than
39 two thousand individuals, to be employed at the proposed resort-
40 casino facility and provide information regarding the pay rates and
41 benefits for such employees;

42 (9) Provide evidence that the responder has a labor neutrality
43 agreement with organized labor for the proposed resort-casino facility;

44 (10) Describe the responder's plans to maximize the use of small
45 contractors and minority business enterprises, as both terms are
46 defined in section 4a-60g of the general statutes, and veteran-owned
47 micro businesses, as defined in subsection (c) of section 4a-59 of the
48 general statutes;

49 (11) Submit a responsible gaming plan associated with the operation
50 of the proposed resort-casino facility;

51 (12) Describe the types and number of games to be conducted at the
52 proposed resort-casino facility;

53 (13) Demonstrate the responder's ability to pay a one-time licensing
54 fee of not less than fifty million dollars for a possible license to operate
55 the proposed resort-casino facility in the state before the
56 commencement of construction of the proposed resort-casino facility;

57 (14) Agree to pay to the state (A) a minimum of twenty-five per cent
58 of the gross gaming revenue from the operation of all gambling games
59 at the proposed resort-casino facility, and (B) a minimum of ten per
60 cent of the gross gaming revenue from the operation of video slot
61 machine games at the proposed resort-casino facility; and

62 (15) Provide any other information the commissioner deems
63 necessary to evaluate the qualifications of the responder.

64 (c) Each proposal shall be submitted by January 1, 2020, and shall be
65 accompanied by a fee of five million dollars, which shall be refundable
66 if (1) the responder is not selected by the commissioner to be qualified
67 and waives the right to challenge the commission's decision, or (2) the
68 General Assembly does not enact legislation to authorize the operation
69 of a resort-casino facility in the state.

70 (d) The commissioner shall develop selection criteria to evaluate
71 responses and may qualify one person, business organization or Indian
72 tribe that submits a response to the request for proposals to develop,
73 manage, operate and maintain a resort-casino facility in the state.

74 (e) Not later than April 1, 2020, the commissioner shall submit a
75 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
76 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
77 of matters relating to public safety and security and commerce that (1)
78 describes and summarizes the request for proposals, the responses
79 received and the selection criteria, (2) identifies the individual,
80 business organization or Indian tribe selected by the commissioner to
81 be qualified to develop, manage, operate and maintain a proposed
82 resort-casino facility in the state, and (3) demonstrates that such
83 person, business organization or Indian tribe satisfies the requirements
84 of the request for proposal set forth in subsection (b) of this section and
85 meets the selection criteria.

86 (f) No individual, business organization or Indian tribe selected by
87 the commissioner may operate a resort-casino facility in the state until
88 the General Assembly has enacted legislation to provide for the
89 licensing and operation of a resort-casino facility and such legislation
90 has taken effect.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To create a competitive bidding process for a resort-casino facility.

[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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