

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2759

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to poor persons; prohibiting welfare  
8 recipients from entering casino; providing exception;  
9 directing Department of Human Services submit names  
10 of disqualified persons; requiring dissemination of  
11 list; specifying frequency; providing process for  
12 removing person from list; establishing penalty;  
13 providing for forfeiture; defining terms; providing  
14 for codification; and providing an effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 230.79 of Title 56, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. No person receiving welfare benefits including food stamps  
20 or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits, shall be  
21 permitted entry into any portion of a casino, gambling casino or  
22 gaming facility unless the person is employed by the facility and is  
23 on the premises to perform employment duties. Persons subject to  
24 this section shall be considered disqualified from participation in  
gaming activities.

1 B. The Department of Human Services shall submit the names of  
2 disqualified persons pursuant to subsection A of this section to the  
3 State Compliance Agency to be placed on a list of disqualified  
4 persons and disseminated quarterly to every Tribal Compliance Agency  
5 organized pursuant to the State-Tribal Gaming Act. The State  
6 Compliance Agency shall remove a disqualified person from the list  
7 when the State Compliance Agency receives notice from the Department  
8 that the person no longer receives any of the welfare benefits  
9 listed in subsection A of this section. The Department shall notify  
10 the gaming commission when a disqualified person no longer receives  
11 welfare benefits.

12 C. Any disqualified person in violation of subsection A of this  
13 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall  
14 be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and  
15 imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, and all chips, tokens  
16 and electronic credits in the person's possession at the time of  
17 discovery shall be subject to forfeiture.

18 D. For the purposes of this act:

19 1. "Casino", "gambling casino" and "gaming facility" means a  
20 building of the tribe in which gaming activities authorized by the  
21 State-Tribal Gaming Act occur and shall not include:

22 a. a grocery store that sells groceries and that also  
23 offers, or is located within the same building or  
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1 complex as an establishment that offers casino,  
2 gambling or gaming activities, or

3 b. any other facility that offers casino, gambling or  
4 gaming activities incidental to the principal purpose  
5 of the business;

6 2. "Gaming activities" includes but is not limited to  
7 electronic amusement games, electronic bonanza-style bingo games,  
8 electronic instant bingo games and nonhouse-banked card games as  
9 defined in section 281 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes;

10 3. "State Compliance Agency" means the state agency that has  
11 the authority to carry out the state's oversight responsibilities  
12 under the Model Tribal Gaming Compact in Section 281 of Title 3A of  
13 the Oklahoma Statutes, which shall be the Office of Management and  
14 Enterprise Services or its successor agency; and

15 4. "Tribal Compliance Agency" means the tribal governmental  
16 agency that has the authority to carry out the tribe's regulatory  
17 and oversight responsibilities under the Model Tribal Gaming Compact  
18 in Section 281 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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