



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Ordinance Repealing the Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming Within the Unincorporated Area of Lake County.

- Public Act 96-34, Public Act 96-37, and Public Act 96-38 were approved on July 13, 2009 and comprise the provisions of the Video Gaming Act.
- The Act allows video gaming in licensed bars, restaurants, fraternal organizations and truck stops throughout the state.
- The Act provides that the Illinois Gaming Board has jurisdiction over and will supervise all gaming operations. A local government is not responsible for administering or enforcing the provisions of the Act.
- The Act establishes a 30% tax on gross terminal revenue, one sixth of which is distributed to the jurisdiction in which the terminal is located.
- The Act allows counties to regulate video gaming within its jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions of the statute. For the County, any regulation would only apply to the unincorporated areas of the County.
- The Lake County Board adopted an Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming Within the Unincorporated Area of Lake County on October 13, 2009.
- The Ordinance presented for consideration would repeal the Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming.
- Concurrently, an Ordinance is presented to adopt a Lake County Video Gaming Ordinance.
- The Liquor Commissioner will present a separate Ordinance to the County Board amending the Liquor Control Ordinance to establish certain additional standards for liquor licensed establishments hosting video gaming terminals. The Liquor Control Ordinance amendment text is provided to the Committee for discussion purposes.

WHEREAS, Public Act 96-34 created the Illinois Video Gaming Act (the Act) and said Act was further amended by Public Act 96-37 and Public Act 96-38 and said Public Acts became law on July 13, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes video gaming and the operation of video terminals at licensed bars, restaurants, fraternal organizations, veterans organizations, and truck stops within the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Section 27 of the Act provides, among other things, that a county may pass an ordinance prohibiting video gaming within the unincorporated area; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted an Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming Within the Unincorporated Area of Lake County on October 13, 2009 (Legistar File #09-2023); and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Lake County Board to repeal this ordinance to allow video gaming and the operation of video gaming terminals within the unincorporated area of Lake County as the Chairman and County Board have determined that it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interest of the County in light of the current economic climate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Ordinance Prohibiting Video Gaming within the Unincorporated Area of Lake County is hereby repealed and is of no further force and effect.

DATED, at **WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, on this 13th day of August, 2013.