

**Introduced by Senator Hall**February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Section 19876 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to gambling.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 650, as introduced, Hall. Gambling licenses: annual renewal.

The Gambling Control Act provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities by the California Gambling Control Commission and the investigation and enforcement of those activities and establishments by the Department of Justice. Existing law requires a gambling license to be renewed biennially. Existing law requires the owner licensee or key employee to file an application for renewal with the Department of Justice no later than 120 calendar days before the expiration of the current license. A willful violation of these provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor.

This bill would require the owner licensee or key employee to file an application for renewal with the California Gambling Control Commission by no later than 120 calendar days after the end of the owner licensee's fiscal year. The bill would automatically renew a license annually upon the payment of an annual renewal fee, as specified. The bill would also make conforming changes. Because a willful violation of these provisions would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 19876 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:

3 19876. (a) Subject to the power of the commission to deny,  
4 revoke, suspend, condition, or limit any license, as provided in  
5 this chapter, a license shall be ~~renewed biennially~~ *automatically*  
6 *renewed annually upon the payment of an annual renewal fee, as*  
7 *listed in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of*  
8 *Section 19951.*

9 (b) An application for renewal of a gambling license shall be  
10 filed by the owner licensee or key employee with the ~~department~~  
11 ~~no later than 120 calendar days prior to the expiration of the current~~  
12 ~~license~~ *commission no later than 120 calendar days following the*  
13 *end of the owner licensee’s fiscal year.* The commission shall act  
14 upon any application for renewal ~~prior to~~ *before* the date of  
15 expiration of the current license. Upon renewal of any owner  
16 license, the commission shall issue an appropriate renewal  
17 certificate or validating device or sticker.

18 ~~(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (b), if an~~  
19 ~~owner licensee has submitted an application for renewal prior to~~  
20 ~~the original expiration date of the current license and the~~  
21 ~~commission is unable to act on the application prior to the~~  
22 ~~expiration date, the commission may extend the current license~~  
23 ~~for up to 180 days.~~

24 ~~(d)~~

25 (c) Unless the commission determines otherwise, renewal of an  
26 owner’s gambling license shall be deemed to effectuate the renewal  
27 of every other gambling license endorsed thereon.

28 ~~(e)~~

29 (d) In addition to the penalties provided by law, any owner  
30 licensee who deals, operates, carries on, conducts, maintains, or  
31 exposes for play any gambling game after the expiration date of  
32 the gambling license is liable to the state for all license fees and  
33 penalties that would have been due upon renewal.

34 ~~(f)~~

1 (e) If an owner licensee fails to renew the gambling license as  
2 provided in this chapter, the commission may order the immediate  
3 closure of the premises and a cessation of all gambling activity  
4 therein until the license is renewed.

5 ~~(g) If an owner licensee submits an application for renewal of  
6 the gambling license after the deadline set in subdivision (b) but  
7 before the original expiration date of the license, the commission  
8 may assess reasonable delinquency fees not to exceed three times  
9 the usual application fee.~~

10 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
11 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
12 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
13 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
14 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
15 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
16 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
17 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
18 Constitution.