

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 52 a chapter numbered 13, consisting of*
3 *sections numbered 52-53 and 52-54, relating to enforcement of illegal gaming laws; Illegal Gaming*
4 *Enforcement Coordinator established.*

5 [H 766]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 52 a chapter numbered 13, consisting**
9 **of sections numbered 52-53 and 52-54, as follows:**

10 **CHAPTER 13.**
11 **ILLEGAL GAMING ENFORCEMENT.**

12 **§ 52-53. Definitions.**13 *As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:*14 *"Coordinator" means the position of the Illegal Gaming Enforcement Coordinator established*
15 *pursuant to § 52-54.*16 *"Department" means the Department of State Police.*

17 *"Illegal gaming laws" means the laws regulating gambling under Article 1 (§ 18.2-325 et seq.) of*
18 *Chapter 8 of Title 18.2, charitable gaming under Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of*
19 *Title 18.2, lottery games under Article 1 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.) of Chapter 40 of Title 58.1, sports betting*
20 *under Article 2 (§ 58.1-4030 et seq.) of Chapter 40 of Title 58.1, casino gaming under Chapter 41*
21 *(§ 58.1-4100 et seq.) of Title 58.1, fantasy contests under Chapter 51 (§ 59.1-556 et seq.) of Title 59.1,*
22 *horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering under Chapter 29 (§ 59.1-364 et seq.) of Title 59.1, any*
23 *regulations promulgated pursuant to such laws, and any other federal, state, or local laws the Illegal*
24 *Gaming Enforcement Coordinator deems relevant.*

25 *"Superintendent" means the Superintendent of State Police.*26 **§ 52-54. Office of the Illegal Gaming Enforcement Coordinator established; purpose; duties.**

27 *A. The Superintendent shall designate a Department employee to serve as the Illegal Gaming*
28 *Enforcement Coordinator. The purpose of the office of the Coordinator shall be to synchronize the*
29 *enforcement of illegal gaming laws by state and local law enforcement, and to serve as a liaison*
30 *between such agencies and federal law enforcement.*

31 *B. The Coordinator shall have the following duties:*

32 *1. Coordinating enforcement of the Commonwealth's illegal gaming laws by the Department, the*
33 *Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and all other state agencies; attorneys for the*
34 *Commonwealth; and local law enforcement;*

35 *2. Acting as a liaison between the federal government and the agencies identified in subdivision 1 for*
36 *purposes of any federal investigation into illegal gaming activities;*

37 *3. Establishing, advertising, and administering a tip line, which may be accessed by phone and by*
38 *Internet, for members of the public to report concerns about, or suspected instances of, illegal gaming*
39 *activities; and*

40 *4. Performing any other duties as are necessary to promote and enable the equitable enforcement of*
41 *illegal gaming laws in the Commonwealth.*