

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 07

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD MOVE ONE CASINO LICENSE IN GARY TO A LAND BASED LOCATION, MOVE ONE CASINO LICENSE TO VIGO COUNTY AND THE CREATION OF GARY TRANS-MODAL FACILITIES AS PROPOSED IN SENATE BILLS 552 AND 66

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana and specifically Lake County represent a single economic engine which provides jobs and business opportunities for all its residents regardless of the community where they actually reside. New jobs anywhere in Northwest Indiana are potential jobs for Hobart residents regardless of where the job is located; and

WHEREAS, casinos have represented a significant source of hospitality related jobs for Northwest Indiana and while a new land based casino might change the distribution of jobs from one casino to another, it will certainly increase the total number of casino and hospitality jobs for all of Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Lake County is blessed to be located at the intersection of a number of highways and rail lines at the southern tip of one of the busiest of the Great Lakes with a significantly underutilized international airport and adding to the potential trans-modal facilities and creating a trans-modal compact to organize the growth of trans-modal businesses will help to increase opportunities for trans-modal businesses which will create new good paying, living wage jobs for everyone in Northwest Indiana; and

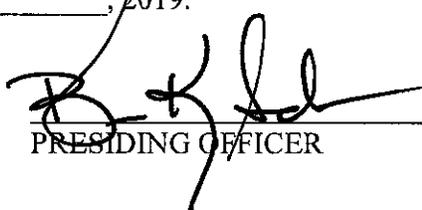
WHEREAS, the construction related to a new casino and trans-modal facilities will increase the total number of construction related jobs and pump millions of dollars into the local Northwest Indiana economy; and

WHEREAS, many a good proposal has been defeated when the parties who otherwise agree on the overall proposal, find they are unable to come to agreement on the details of such proposals, even when everyone is in agreement that the overall proposal will have significant benefits for the communities involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

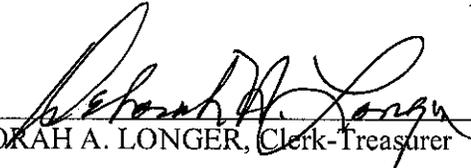
1. That a policy position is clearly stated by the Common Council of the City of Hobart that Senate Bills 552 and 66 should be supported and passed.
2. That the State legislators from Northwest Indiana should work together to insure that the legislation is passed, enacted and implemented such that the maximum economic benefit is recognized by all the communities of Northwest Indiana.

ALL OF WHICH is ADOPTED as the resolution of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana on this 3rd day of April, 2019.



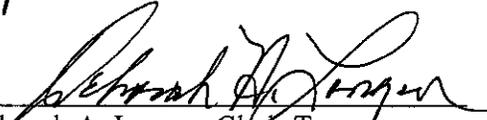
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

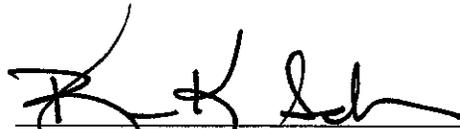


DEBORAH A. LONGER, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Hobart on the 3rd day of April, 2019 at the hour of 7:30 p.m.


Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED, EXECUTED and RETURNED by me to the Common Council of the City of Hobart on this 3rd day of April, 2019.


Brian K. Snedecor, Mayor

ATTEST: 
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March 27, 2019

My Fellow Councilmen,

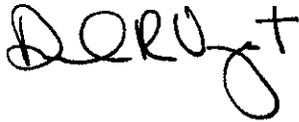
I apologize for not being able to attend the April 3rd meeting because of plans I've had since last fall, but I ask that you consider the attached resolution in my absence. Senate Bills 552 and 66 contain legislation that allows one of the Gary casino licenses to be moved to a land based location in Gary, allows the other Gary casino license to be moved to Vigo County and creates a trans-modal compact that will oversee turning the current Gary casino location into a new trans-modal shipping location. Digests of these 2 bills are attached.

These two bills represent the largest jobs bills for Northwest Indiana in a long time. Besides the construction jobs that will be created, these bills will inject new capital into our aging casino industry that will generate casino and hospitality jobs. It also paves the way for a new trans-modal shipping facility that will create jobs in the trucking, shipping, rail and airline industries along with related industries. This doesn't put anything directly in Hobart other than paychecks for Hobart residents who will end up working somewhere in Lake County because of these bills.

Downstate legislators are looking for support out of Lake County before supporting these bills and here's our chance to show our support.

I ask that you please pass this Resolution to show our support for jobs in Northwest Indiana for Hobart residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Vinzant". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

David Vinzant

Senate Bill 66

Engrossed Senate Bill (H)

Authored by Sen. Ryan Mishler, Sen. Ed Charbonneau, Sen. Eddie Melton.

Co-Authored by Sen. Travis Holdman, Sen. Lonnie Randolph.

Sponsored by Rep. Todd Huston, Rep. Gregory Porter, Rep. Terri Jo Austin.

DIGEST

Economic Development in Gary. Permits a licensed owner operating a riverboat in Gary to submit to the gaming commission (commission) a request to relocate the owner's gaming operations as follows: (1) One gaming operation to a location that is within the city limits of Gary. (2) One gaming operation to a location in Vigo County. Specifies the requirements for the approval of the request. Provides that if a request is approved, the owner shall transfer ownership of the property being vacated to the Gary-Indiana trans-modal compact (trans-modal compact). Requires the licensed owner, with regard to the gaming operation that is relocated within the city limits of Gary, to enter into a development agreement with the city of Gary. Requires the licensed owner, with regard to the gaming operation that is relocated to a location in Vigo County, to enter into an agreement with the trans-modal compact to provide the trans-modal compact with an annual distribution of money to be used for shoreline development and infrastructure of the vacated property. Establishes the trans-modal compact. Specifies the power and duties of the trans-modal compact. Creates the trans-modal compact board. Specifies the members of the trans-modal compact board. Requires the trans-modal compact to set goals to achieve employment and retention of employees from locally distressed communities in northwest Indiana for work on compact projects. Specifies the required goal. Requires the Indiana department of administration's division of supplier diversity to establish a five year pilot program to help small, disadvantaged businesses to better prepare to compete for government contracts. Specifies the requirements of the program. Requires Ivy Tech Community College to establish a program to engage community, industry, and government partners to initiate the processes to develop training pathways for the jobs projected to result from relocation of one gaming operation within the city limits of Gary. Establishes the building trades career skills program to enhance the northwest Indiana plan by providing training to mitigate the barriers trainees face while transitioning into a career in the building trades in the northwest Indiana region. Provides that the northwest Indiana plan shall administer the program. Specifies the requirements of the program. Makes changes to the definition of the term "project" in the ports of Indiana statute. Deletes the provision in current law that includes in the definition certain projects that are located outside of a port. Provides that, after December 31, 2019, creation of a local port authority is subject to the approval of the ports of Indiana.

Senate Bill 552

Engrossed Senate Bill (H)

Authored by Sen. Mark Messmer, Sen. Jon Ford.

Co-Authored by Sen. Eddie Melton, Sen. James Merritt, Sen. Timothy Lanane, Sen. Jean Breaux, Sen. Lonnie Randolph.

Sponsored by Rep. Todd Huston, Rep. Matt Lehman, Rep. Terri Jo Austin, Rep. Gregory Porter.

DIGEST

Gaming matters. Authorizes sports wagering at riverboats, racinos, a Vigo County casino, and satellite facilities. Provides for the administration and conduct of sports wagering. Imposes initial and annual fees on a licensed owner, operating agent, vendor, or permit holder conducting sports wagering. Imposes initial and annual licensing fees on vendors conducting sports wagering. Specifies that a vendor contracting with a certificate holder has the same authority to conduct sports wagering as the certificate holder. Requires the use of official data to determine the winner of in-play wagers. Requires the Indiana gaming commission (IGC) to deposit vendor license application fees in the sports wagering fund. Requires the IGC to deposit sports wagering service provider license application fees in the sports wagering fund. Sets forth duties for the IGC concerning: (1) sports wagering; and (2) granting certain gambling licenses. Requires the IGC to adopt administrative rules. Specifies that the IGC may act upon information received from a sports governing body in considering requests to prohibit wagering on particular events or to prohibit making wagers of a particular type. Establishes a sports wagering service provider license. Provides that certain items must be acquired from a person that holds both a supplier's license and a sports wagering service provider license. Provides that certain services must be obtained from a person holding a sports wagering service provider license. Specifies that required background checks apply to employees engaged in activities related to sports wagering. Specifies permissible sports wagering wagers. Prohibits wagering on e-sports. Provides the process for withholding delinquent child support from sports wagering winnings. Makes changes to the appointment of members on breed development advisory committees. Provides each horsemen's association, certain licensees, and any association for backside benevolence shall submit to an audit by an independent public accountant and submit the report to the commission. Repeals the provision that prohibits money distributed to a horsemen's association from being used for lobbying. Authorizes a holder of a Gary riverboat license to change locations under certain circumstances, to another location in Gary or to Vigo County. Provides that, if gaming operations are relocated within the city of Gary, certain units of government may receive supplemental payments from wagering tax distributions. Provides a procedure if the owner of one of the Gary riverboat licenses applies to operate in Vigo County to notify the other riverboat owners who may then file a declaration of interest to compete for ownership of the riverboat license to be located in Vigo County. Sets forth the procedure to determine the value of the Gary riverboat license being proposed to be relocated to Vigo County. Provides that the IGC may determine that the holder of the Gary riverboat license may be required to sell its license to another riverboat owner that filed a declaration of interest. Requires a licensed owner or permit holder operating a casino in Vigo County to enter into a development agreement. Provides that a riverboat operating in Vigo County shall pay: (1) \$2,000,000 to the Indiana horse racing commission annually to be distributed to the breed development funds; (2) \$1,500,000 to the department of natural resources (DNR) and DNR will deposit the payment in the West Baden Springs historic hotel preservation and maintenance fund (fund), each year, for three years; (3) certain sums to the city of Evansville,

each year, for three years. Provides that the state treasurer shall distribute the tax revenue from an operating agent operating a riverboat in a historic hotel district (operating agent) to the state general fund and the fund. Provides that if the balance of the fund exceeds \$25,000,000, distribution of tax revenue from the operating agent shall be paid to the state general fund. Repeals the maximum number of owner's licenses that may be issued to a riverboat owner. Provides that a racino is authorized to conduct wagering on table games after submitting a plan to the IGC that meets requirements for table games for riverboats. Provides distributions of taxes from live table games at racetracks. Provides that beginning after June 30, 2020, a licensed owner or racino may not deduct more than \$9,000,000 from adjusted gross receipts from wagering on gambling games. Provides that a racino shall distribute monthly 12% of the adjusted gross receipts of live table game wagering. Imposes a gambling game tax for wagering on table games at racinos. Provides that a Gary riverboat operation relocated to Vigo County and any future relocation of a license is prohibited from relocating within 75 miles of another racetrack, riverboat, inland casino, riverboat operated by an operating agent, or relocated casino. Makes technical corrections and other changes to conform with recent changes to the riverboat law.