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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit the Governor,  
9 Lieutenant Governor, and members of the  
10 Legislature, and any candidate running for those  
11 offices to solicit, accept, or receive a  
12 contribution from any person the public official or  
13 candidate knows is authorized to conduct race  
14 meetings or racing or to operate any gaming or  
15 pari-mutual wagering operation or from an officer,  
16 director, or owner of such a person

17 This bill would also prohibit the owners and  
18 operators of any gaming or pari-mutual wagering  
19 operation in the state from making contributions to  
20 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or members of  
21 the Legislature, or to any candidate running for  
22 those offices.

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24 A BILL

25 TO BE ENTITLED

26 AN ACT

1                   Relating to campaign contributions; add Section  
2                   17-5-7.3 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to prohibit the  
3                   Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, and  
4                   candidates running for any of those offices to solicit or  
5                   accept contributions from any person the public official or  
6                   candidate knows or reasonably should have known is an owner or  
7                   operator of gaming or pari-mutual wagering operations in the  
8                   state; and to prohibit the owners and operators of any gaming  
9                   or pari-mutual wagering operation in the state from making  
10                  contributions to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or members  
11                  of the Legislature, or to candidates running for any of those  
12                  offices.

13                  BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14                         Section 1. Section 17-5-7.3 is added to the Code of  
15                         Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

16                                 §17-5-7.3.

17                                 (a) The Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, or a  
18                                 member of the Legislature, or a candidate running for any of  
19                                 those offices, may not solicit, accept, or receive a  
20                                 contribution from any person that the public official or  
21                                 candidate knows or reasonably should have known is authorized  
22                                 to conduct race meetings or racing or operate any gaming or  
23                                 pari-mutual wagering operation, or from an officer, director,  
24                                 or owner of such a person.

25                                 (b) A person authorized to conduct race meetings or  
26                                 racing or to operate any gaming or pari-mutual wagering  
27                                 operation or an officer, director, or owner of such a person,

1 may not make a contribution to a principal campaign committee  
2 of, or a political action committee seeking to endorse or  
3 defeat, a candidate for state legislative office, Governor, or  
4 Lieutenant Governor, or to any member of the Legislature, the  
5 Governor, or the Lieutenant Governor.

6 Section 2. The provisions of this act are severable.  
7 If any part of this act is declared invalid or  
8 unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part  
9 which remains.

10 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
11 first day of the third month following its passage and  
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.