§ 188-a. Powers and duties of the board. The board shall have the power and it shall be its duty to:

1. Supervise the administration of the games of chance licensing law and to adopt, amend and repeal rules and regulations governing the issuance and amendment of licenses thereunder and the conducting of games under such licenses, which rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding upon all municipalities issuing licenses, and upon licensees of the board, to the end that such licenses shall be issued to qualified licensees only, and that said games shall be fairly and properly conducted for the purposes and in the manner of the said games of chance licensing law prescribed and to prevent the games of chance thereby authorized to be conducted from being conducted for commercial purposes or purposes other than those therein authorized, participated in by criminal or other undesirable elements and the funds derived from the games being diverted from the purposes authorized, and to provide uniformity in the administration of said law throughout the state, the board shall prescribe forms of application for licenses, licensees, amendment of licenses, reports of the conduct of games and other matters incident to the administration of such law.

2. Conduct, anywhere in the state, investigations of the administration, enforcement and potential or actual violations of the games of chance licensing law and of the rules and regulations of the board.

3. Reveiw all determinations and actions of the clerk or department in issuing an initial license and it may review the issuance of subsequent licenses and, after hearing, revoke those licenses which do not in all respects meet the requirements of this article and the rules and regulations of the board.

4. Suspend or revoke a license, after hearing, for any violation of the provisions of this article or the rules and regulations of the board.

5. Hear appeals from the determinations and action of the clerk, department or officer in connection with the refusing to issue licenses, the suspension and revocation of licenses and the imposition of fines in the manner prescribed by law and the action and determination of the board upon any such appeal shall be binding upon the clerk, department or officer and all parties thereto.

6. Carry on continuous study of the operation of the games of chance licensing law to ascertain from time to time defects therein jeopardizing or threatening to jeopardize the purposes of this article, and to formulate and recommend changes in such law and in other laws of the state which the board may determine to be necessary for the realization of such purposes, and to the same end to make a continuous study of the operation and administration of similar laws which may be in effect in other states of the United States.

7. Supervise the disposition of all funds derived from the conduct of games of chance by authorized organizations not currently licensed to conduct such games.

8. Issue an identification number to an applicant authorized organization if it shall determine that the applicant satisfies the requirements of the games of chance licensing law and the rules and regulations of the board.

* 9. The board shall have the power to approve and establish a standard set of games of chance equipment and shall by its rules and regulations prescribe the manner in which such equipment is to be reproduced and distributed to licensed authorized organizations. The sale or distribution to a licensed authorized organization of any equipment other than that contained in the standard set of games of chance equipment shall constitute a violation of this section.

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* 9. (a) The commission shall have the power to approve and establish a standard set of games of chance equipment and shall by its rules and regulations prescribe the manner in which such equipment is to be reproduced and distributed to licensed authorized organizations. The sale or distribution to a licensed authorized organization of any

equipment other than that contained in the standard set of games of chance equipment shall constitute a violation of this section.

(b) No electronic bell jar vending machine shall be sold, leased, distributed, installed, or operated by any manufacturer, distributor, or charitable organization until such machine has been approved by the commission. No electronic bell jar vending machine shall be approved by the commission unless the operation of the game demonstrates that there is a finite probability basis of having a predetermined quantity of chances among which there is a predetermined quantity of winners that pay a fixed and predetermined value of prizes, regardless of the symbols that are used or how those symbols are displayed on pre-printed bell jar tickets.

(c) The commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations as the commission deems necessary for the approval and implementation of electronic bell jar vending machine gaming. The commission may revoke, suspend, or condition approval of an electronic bell jar vending machine. If the commission denies such request for approval, it shall provide the reasons for such determination.

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