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3 By Senator McClendon
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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
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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.