Title 58—RECREATION

PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD [58 PA. CODE CHS. 405, 441 AND 443] Draft Temporary Regulations

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (Board), under authority in 4 Pa.C.S. § 1202 (relating to general and specific powers), has drafted temporary regulations to facilitate the prompt implementation of 4 Pa.C.S. Part II (relating to gaming), enacted by the act of July 5, 2004 (P. L. 572, No. 71). Upon adoption of the regulations by the Board, the Board's temporary regulations will be added to Part VII (relating to Gaming Control Board). By publishing these temporary regulations in draft form, the Board seeks public comment prior to the adoption of the regulations.

Contact Person

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, suggestions or objections to the draft temporary regulations to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, Office of Communications, P. O. Box 69060, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060, Attn: Public Comment. The public comment period will end on September 6, 2005.

THOMAS A. DECKER, Chairperson

Annex A

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§ 405.1. General duties and powers.

There is hereby established a Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement which has the powers and duties in section 1517 of the act (relating to enforcement) including:

- (1) The investigation and review of applicants seeking a license, permit or registration.
- (2) The investigation of licensees, permittees, registrants and other persons for potential violations of the act, including potential violations referred to the Bureau by the Board or other person.
- (3) The monitoring of slot machine operations to ensure compliance with the act and the integrity of gaming, including internal controls, exclusion list enforcement, underage gaming and drinking, individual complaints, information systems, integrity and security issues.
- (4) The inspection and examination of licensed entities as provided in section 1517(e) of the act. Inspections may include the review and reproduction of any document or record.
- (5) The conduct of audits of a licensed entity as necessary to ensure compliance with the act. An audit may include the review of accounting, administrative and financial records, management control systems, procedures and other records utilized by a licensed entity.

(6) The referral of possible criminal violations to the Pennsylvania State Police or other appropriate law enforcement agency.

§ 405.2. Information.

- (a) An applicant, licensee, permittee or registrant shall provide the information, data and documents requested by the Bureau under section 1517(a) of the act (relating to enforcement).
- (b) A State or local law enforcement agency, including the Pennsylvania State Police and the Office of Attorney General, the Department or other executive agency shall provide the information, data and documents requested by the Bureau relating to an applicant, licensee, permittee or registrant.
- (c) The Bureau may, upon request, provide pertinent information relating to an applicant, licensee, permittee or registrant to law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation or gaming authorities of the Commonwealth or other domestic or foreign agencies or jurisdictions.
- (d) Information under this section may be provided or received by electronic distribution.

§ 405.3. Office of Enforcement Counsel.

- (a) There is hereby established within the Bureau an Office of Enforcement Counsel which has the following powers and duties:
- (1) Advise the Bureau on all matters, including the granting of licenses, permits or registrations, the conduct of background investigations, audits and inspections and the investigation of potential violations of the act.
- (2) File recommendations and objections relating to the issuance of licenses, permits and registrations on behalf of the Bureau.
- (3) Initiate, in its sole discretion, proceedings for violations of the act by filing a complaint or other pleading with the Board seeking civil fines or penalties, the imposition of conditions on licenses, or the suspension or revocation of a license.
- (4) The Office of Enforcement Counsel may seek a settlement that may include fines, penalties or other actions subject to approval by the Board.
- (b) The Enforcement Counsel is the director of the Office of Enforcement Counsel. The Enforcement Counsel will be selected by the Board and shall be an attorney admitted to practice before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.
- (c) The Director of the Office of Enforcement Counsel reports to the Executive Director of the Board on administrative and operational matters.

§ 405.4. Procedures.

- (a) The Office of Enforcement Counsel acts as the prosecutor in all enforcement actions under the act.
- (b) The Board's Chief Counsel will advise the Board in its adjudicatory capacity and represent the Board in appellate actions under the act.
- (c) If the Bureau or the licensing Bureau files an objection to any license, permit or registration, an evidentiary record will be established to allow the Board to reach a decision in accordance with the act.

§ 405.5. Conduct.

(a) An attorney representing the Office of Enforcement Counsel, or an employee involved in the hearing process, may not discuss the case ex parte with a hearing officer, Chief Counsel or Board member.

- (b) A hearing officer, the Chief Counsel or a Board member may not discuss or exercise any supervisory responsibility over any employee with respect to an enforcement hearing with which the employee is involved.
- (c) If it becomes necessary for the Chief Counsel or Board member to become involved on behalf of the Board in any enforcement proceeding, the Chief Counsel or Board member is prohibited from participating in the adjudication of that matter and shall designate appropriate individuals to exercise adjudicatory functions.

Subpart C. SLOT MACHINE LICENSING CHAPTER 441. SLOT MACHINE LICENSES

§ 441.13. Notification of anticipated or actual changes in key employee qualifiers or key employees.

Each slot machine licensee or applicant shall immediately notify the Board, in writing, as soon as practicable, of the proposed appointment, appointment, proposed nomination, nomination, election, hiring, intended resignation, resignation, removal, firing, incapacitation or death of any person required to be licensed as a key employee qualifier or key employee under §§ 435.2 and 435.3 (relating to key employee qualifier license; and key employee license). The notice must be addressed to the Office of the Clerk.

§ 441.14. Notification of new financial sources.

Each slot machine licensee or applicant shall immediately notify the Board, in writing, as soon as it becomes aware that it intends to enter into a transaction which would affect any relation to its licensed facility and may result in any new financial backers. The notice must be addressed to the Office of the Clerk.

CHAPTER 443. CATEGORIES OF LICENSURE

§ 443.4. Category 2 slot machine licenses.

- (a) To be eligible to receive a Category 2 slot machine license, an applicant shall comply with Chapter 441 (relating to slot machine licenses) and submit the following:
- (1) A sworn or affirmed statement that neither the applicant, nor any of its affiliates, intermediaries, subsidiaries or holding companies is eligible to seek a Category 1 slot machine license.
- (2) A statement detailing the proposed plans and location of the licensed facility.
- (3) A statement detailing and establishing that the proposed location is in a revenue or tourism-enhanced location and is in compliance with the geographical requirements of section 1304(b) of the act (relating to Category 2 slot machine license). The statement must include the appropriate business and tourism studies, economic impact studies, projected revenue and business plans.
 - (4) Other information deemed necessary by the Board.
- (b) The Board may issue a Category 2 slot machine license if it determines that the applicant has complied with this section and Chapter 441 and has proven by clear and convincing evidence that it has the financial stability and integrity and the good character, honesty, integrity and responsibility to qualify for a slot machine license.

§ 443.5. Category 3 slot machine license.

- (a) To be eligible to receive a Category 3 slot machine license, an applicant shall comply with Chapter 441 (relating to slot machine licenses) and submit the following:
- (1) A sworn or affirmed statement that neither the applicant nor any of its affliates, intermediaries, subsidiaries or holding companies has applied for, has been approved for or has been issued a Category 1 or 2 slot machine license.
- (2) A statement detailing the proposed plans and location of the licensed facility and confirming that the facility shall be located at a well-established resort hotel which has no fewer than 275 existing guest rooms under common ownership and having substantial year-round recreational guest amenities.
- (3) Documentation satisfactory to the Board proving that the applicant is the owner of the established resort hotel or is a wholly owned subsidiary of the owner of the established resort hotel. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, copies of the following documents:
- (i) If a corporation, the applicant shall submit the following:
 - (A) Articles of incorporation.
 - (B) Charter.
 - (C) By-laws.
- (ii) If a partnership, the applicant shall submit the following:
 - (A) Partnership agreements.
 - (B) Certificates of limited partnership, if applicable.
- (iii) If a limited liability company, the applicant shall submit the following:
- (A) Certificates of formation, amendment and cancellation.
 - (B) Operating agreements.
- (4) A plan detailing how the applicant, as part of its operational plan, will monitor the gaming area to ensure that only registered guests or patrons of one or more of the amenities over the age of 21 are permitted to enter the gaming area.
- (5) Information deemed necessary by the Board to determine the operational viability, financial fitness or character of the applicant.
- (b) An applicant shall have three or more of the following amenities:
- (1) Sports and recreational activities and facilities such as a golf course or golf driving range.
 - (2) Tennis courts or swimming pool.
 - (3) Health spa.
 - (4) Convention center.
 - (5) Meeting and banquet facilities.
 - (6) Entertainment facilities.
 - (7) Restaurant facilities.
- (c) The Board may issue a Category 3 slot machine license if it determines that the applicant has complied with this section and the applicable provisions of Chapter 441 and has proven by clear and convincing evidence that it has the financial stability and integrity and the good character, honesty, integrity and responsibility to qualify for a slot machine license.

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