STATEMENTS OF POLICY

Title 58—RECREATION

PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD [58 PA. CODE CH. 461b] Slot Machine Tower Lights

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (Board), at its January 21, 2009, public meeting, amended the technical standards concerning tower lights.

The Board's regulation in § 461b.2 (relating to slot machine tower lights and error conditions) sets forth the various light combinations that slot machine licensees may use for their slot machines.

The current provisions contain combinations that may be used on slot machines having denominations of \$1, \$2 and \$5 but don't set any light combinations for slot machines with a \$3 or \$4 denomination. This amendment will provide a combination that can be used for any denomination between \$1 and \$5.

The authority to approve the use of the alternative color schemes in paragraph (3) has also been changed from the Board to the Bureau of Gaming Laboratory Operations. This will reduce the time required to act on these requests.

Fiscal Impact

The provisions in this statement of policy will give slot machine licensees additional operating flexibility when setting the denominations on slot machines. It will also reduce the amount of time required to gain approval to utilize an alternative color scheme for the bottom light of the slot machine tower light. These changes may result in some slight savings for slot machine licensees and will have no fiscal impact on the Board.

Contact Person

The contact persons for questions about this statement of policy are Michael Cruz, Director of Gaming Laboratory Operations, (717) 214-8231 and Richard Sandusky, Director of Regulatory Review, (717) 214-8111.

Effective Date

This statement of policy took effect January 21, 2009. MARY DIGIACOMO COLINS,

Chairperson

(*Editor's Note*: The regulations of the Gaming Control Board are amended by amending a statement of policy in 58 Pa. Code § 461b.2 to read as set forth in Annex A, with ellipses referring to the existing text of the policy statement.)

Fiscal Note: 125-98. No fiscal impact; (8) recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART VII. GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Subpart E. SLOT MACHINES AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

CHAPTER 461b. TECHNICAL STANDARDS—STATEMENT OF POLICY

§ 461b.2. Slot machine tower lights and error conditions.

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(b) A slot machine tower light must consist of two separate lights, one on top of the other, that function in accordance with this section.

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(3) A slot machine licensee may, with the approval of the Bureau of Gaming Laboratory Operations, utilize an alternative color scheme for the bottom light of the slot machine tower light in paragraph (2). The alternative color scheme may include:

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(iv) Assignment of the color blue to identify combinations of all \$1 and \$2 denomination slot machines or all \$1 to \$5 denomination slot machines.

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