

STATEMENTS OF POLICY

Title 58—RECREATION

PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

[58 PA. CODE CHS. 439b AND 461b]

Notice to Rescind and Amend Published Statements of Policy

With the promulgation of the final-form rulemaking published at 49 Pa.B. 6676 (November 2, 2019), the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (Board) rescinds the statement of policy in Chapter 439b (relating to gaming junket representatives—statement of policy) and rescinds in part and amends in part the statement of policy in Chapter 461b (relating to technical standards—statement of policy).

In § 439b.1 (relating to gaming junket representatives), the provisions in subsections (a) and (b) were incorporated into the final-form rulemaking published at 49 Pa.B. 6676. The provisions in subsections (c) through (i) were incorporated into the permanent regulations in § 439a.6b (relating to conditional licenses) when 41 Pa.B. 2439 (May 14, 2011) was promulgated in 2011. These policy provisions are therefore no longer necessary.

The Board is amending § 461b.3(a) and (d) (relating to gaming vouchers) to reflect that the Disposition of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Act (72 P.S. §§ 1301.1—1301.29) was amended and now requires unredeemed gaming vouchers be remitted to the State Treasurer after 3 years instead of 5 years. Additionally, in subsection (c), the Executive Director may allow for a voucher in excess of \$10,000 when there is a business justification to do so. Sections 461b.4 and 461b.5 (relating to wide area progressive systems; and remote computer access) are being deleted in their entirety as the requirements have been incorporated into the final-form rulemaking published at 49 Pa.B. 6676.

Order

The Board, acting under 4 Pa.C.S. Part II (relating to gaming), orders that:

(1) The statements of policy of the Board, 58 Pa. Code Chapters 439b and 461b, are amended by deleting §§ 439b.1, 461b.4 and 461b.5 and amending § 461b.3 as set forth in Annex A.

(2) The Board shall certify this order and Annex A and deposit them with the Legislative Reference Bureau as required by law.

(3) This order shall take effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

DAVID M. BARASCH,
Chairperson

Fiscal Note: 125-227. No fiscal impact; (8) recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART VII. GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Subpart B. LICENSING, PERMITTING, CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

CHAPTER 439b. (Reserved)

§ 439b.1. (Reserved).

Subpart E. SLOT MACHINE, TABLE GAME AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT TESTING AND CONTROL; ACCOUNTING AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

CHAPTER 461b. TECHNICAL STANDARDS—STATEMENT OF POLICY

§ 461b.3. Gaming vouchers.

(a) A gaming voucher may not expire. The value of gaming vouchers that have not been redeemed within 3 years of the date of issuance or other period as specified under the Disposition of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Act (72 P.S. §§ 1301.1—1301.29) shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer along with a report containing the information required under subsection (b)(1)—(4).

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(c) A gaming voucher system may not be configured to issue a gaming voucher exceeding \$10,000 unless approved by the Board's Executive Director.

(d) Any system of internal controls over the issuance and redemption of gaming vouchers must provide for the following:

(1) Upon the presentation of a gaming voucher for redemption, the slot cashier or slot machine shall use the gaming voucher system to verify the validity of the serial number and value of the voucher, and if valid, the system must immediately cancel the voucher electronically and permit the redemption of the voucher for the value printed thereon. Prior to the redemption of a gaming voucher, the complete serial number of the unredeemed gaming voucher must only be available to the system.

(2) The slot machine licensee shall maintain a record of all transactions in the gaming voucher system for at least 210 days from the date of the transaction.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the slot machine licensee shall maintain an unredeemed gaming voucher record containing the information required in subsection (b)(1)—(5), for gaming vouchers that have been issued but not redeemed. The record shall be stored in the system for a period of time approved by the Board, which must be at least 3 years from the date of issuance of the gaming voucher, provided that:

(i) Any unredeemed gaming voucher record removed from the system after 3 years in accordance with subsection (a) shall be stored and controlled in a manner approved by the Board.

(ii) Any unredeemed gaming voucher record removed from the system is subject to the standard record retention provisions of this part.

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§ 461b.4. (Reserved).

§ 461b.5. (Reserved).

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