

CHAPTER 1403a. SPORTS WAGERING MANUFACTURER

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§ 1403a.1. Sports wagering manufacturer license requirements.

(a) A person seeking to manufacture, build, rebuild, fabricate, assemble, produce, program, design, sell, lease, offer or otherwise make modifications to any authorized sports wagering device or associated equipment for use or operation in this Commonwealth for sports wagering purposes shall apply to the Board for a sports wagering manufacturer license.

(b) In accordance with section 1317.1(e)(3) of the act (relating to manufacturer licenses), an applicant for or the holder of a sports wagering manufacturer license or any of the applicant's or holder's affiliates, intermediaries, subsidiaries or holding companies may not apply for or hold a slot machine license or sports wagering supplier license.

§ 1403a.2. Sports wagering manufacturer license application and standards.

(a) An applicant for a sports wagering manufacturer license shall submit all of the following:

(1) An Enterprise Entity Application and Disclosure Information Form for the applicant and each of the applicant's principal affiliates unless otherwise directed by the Board.

(2) The nonrefundable application fee posted on the Board's web site.

(3) A diversity plan as set forth in section 1325(b) of the act (relating to license or permit issuance) and Chapter 481a (relating to diversity).

(4) An application from every principal under Chapter 433a (relating to principal licenses) and § 1406a.2 (relating to sports wagering principals) and key employee under Chapter 435a (relating to key, gaming and nongaming employees; Board-issued credentials) and § 1406a.3 (relating to sports wager-

ing key employees) as specified by the Enterprise Entity Application and Disclosure Information Form and other persons as determined by the Board.

(5) An affirmation that neither the sports wagering manufacturer license applicant nor any of its affiliates, intermediaries, subsidiaries or holding companies is an applicant for or holder of a slot machine license and that the sports wagering manufacturer license applicant has neither applied for nor holds a sports wagering supplier license.

(b) In addition to the materials required under subsection (a), an applicant for a sports wagering manufacturer license shall do all of the following:

(1) Comply with the general application requirements in Chapters 421a and 423a (relating to general provisions; and applications; statement of conditions; wagering restrictions).

(2) Demonstrate that the sports wagering manufacturer license applicant has the ability to manufacture, build, rebuild, repair, fabricate, assemble, produce, program, design or otherwise make modifications to authorized sports wagering devices or associated equipment which meet one or more of the following criteria:

(i) Are specifically designed for use in the operation of sports wagering or a sports wagering device or associated equipment.

(ii) Are needed to conduct authorized sports wagering.

(iii) Have the capacity to determine the outcome of the sports wagering activity.

(iv) Have the capacity to affect the calculation, storage, collection or control of gross sports wagering gaming revenue.

(c) In determining whether an applicant is suitable to be licensed as a sports wagering manufacturer under this section, the Board will consider all of the following:

(1) The financial fitness, good character, honesty, integrity and responsibility of the sports wagering manufacturer license applicant.

(2) If all principals of the sports wagering manufacturer license applicant are eligible and suitable under the standards of section 1311.1 of the act (relating to licensing of principals).

(3) The integrity of all financial backers.

(4) The suitability of the sports wagering manufacturer license applicant and the principals of the sports wagering manufacturer license applicant based on the satisfactory results of all of the following:

(i) The background investigation of the principals.

(ii) A current tax clearance review performed by the Department.

(iii) A current Unemployment Compensation Tax clearance review and a Workers Compensation Tax clearance review performed by the Department of Labor and Industry.

§ 1403a.3. Sports wagering manufacturer license term and renewal.

(a) A sports wagering manufacturer license and the renewal thereof is valid for 5 years from the date of approval of the application by the Board.

(b) A renewal application for a sports wagering manufacturer license shall be filed at least 6 months prior to the expiration of the current license.

(c) A sports wagering manufacturer license for which a completed renewal application and fee has been received by the Board will continue in effect until acted upon by the Board.

§ 1403a.4. Sports wagering manufacturer abbreviated license process.

(a) The Board may use an abbreviated licensing process if the sports wagering manufacturer license applicant holds a license issued by the Board to manufacture slot machines, table games, table game devices, interactive games, video gaming terminals or associated equipment and all of the following shall apply:

(1) The license was issued by the Board and is currently in good standing.

(2) The entity to whom the manufacturer license was issued affirms there has been no material change in circumstances relating to the licensee.

(3) The Board determines, in its sole discretion, that there has been no material change in circumstances relating to the licensee that necessitates that the abbreviated process not be used.

(b) This section may not be construed to waive any fees associated with obtaining a sports wagering manufacturer license through the application process in this Commonwealth.

§ 1403a.5. Sports wagering manufacturer licensee responsibilities.

(a) A holder of a sports wagering manufacturer license has a continuing duty to do all of the following:

(1) Comply with the general requirements in Chapters 421a and 423a (relating to general provisions; and applications; statement of conditions; wagering restrictions).

(2) For publicly traded sports wagering manufacturer licensees, provide notification of all SEC filings or, if the sports wagering manufacturer licensee is publicly traded on a foreign exchange, a copy of all filings submitted to the securities regulator that has jurisdiction over the foreign publicly traded corporation. The notification or copies of the filings shall be submitted to the Bureau of Licensing within 30 days after the date of filing with the SEC or securities regulator that has jurisdiction over the foreign publicly traded corporation.

(b) An employee of a licensed sports wagering manufacturer who is a gaming or nongaming employee as defined in §§ 401a.3 and 1401a.2 (relating to definitions) shall obtain a permit under §§ 435a.3 and 1406a.4 (relating to occupation permit; and sports wagering gaming employees) or registration under

§§ 435a.5 and 1406a.5 (relating to nongaming employee registration; and sports wagering nongaming employees).

§ 1403a.6. Sports wagering manufacturer licensee change of control.

(a) For purposes of this section, a change of control of a sports wagering manufacturer licensee will be deemed to have occurred when a person or group of persons acquires:

(1) More than 20% of a sports wagering manufacturer licensee's securities, assets or other ownership interests.

(2) More than 20% of the securities or other ownership interests of a corporation or other form of business entity that owns directly or indirectly at least 20% of the voting or other securities or other ownership interests of the sports wagering manufacturer licensee.

(3) Any other interest in a sports wagering manufacturer licensee which allows the acquirer to control the sports wagering manufacturer licensee.

(b) A sports wagering manufacturer licensee shall notify the Bureau and the Bureau of Licensing in a form or manner prescribed by the Bureau of Licensing immediately upon becoming aware of any proposed or contemplated change of control of the sports wagering manufacturer licensee.

(c) Prior to acquiring a controlling interest in a sports wagering manufacturer licensee, the acquirer shall file a petition in accordance with § 493a.4 (relating to petitions generally) requesting Board approval of the acquisition. The petition must include all of the following:

(1) A copy of all documents governing the acquisition.

(2) Completed applications for the acquiring company, as required under this chapter and an application from every principal under Chapter 433a (relating to principal licenses) and § 1406a.2 (relating to sports wagering principals) and any identified key employee under Chapter 435a (relating to key, gaming and nongaming employees; Board-issued credentials) and § 1406a.3 (relating to sports wagering key employees) as specified by the Enterprise Entity Application and Disclosure Information Form and other persons as determined by the Board.

(3) An affirmation that neither the acquirer nor any of its affiliates, intermediaries, subsidiaries or holding companies is a slot machine licensee or sports wagering certificate holder and that the acquirer has neither applied for nor holds a sports wagering supplier license.

(d) A person or group of persons seeking to acquire a controlling interest in a sports wagering manufacturer licensee shall promptly provide any additional information requested by the Board and Board staff and cooperate with the Bureau in any investigations related to the petition filed under subsection (c).

(e) A person or group of persons may not acquire a controlling interest in a sports wagering manufacturer licensee until the petition required under subsection (c) has been approved. A person or group of persons seeking to acquire a control-

ling interest in a sports wagering manufacturer licensee and the sports wagering manufacturer licensee may enter into an agreement of sale that is contingent on Board approval of the petition.

(f) The requirements of this section do not apply to the acquisition of a controlling interest in a sports wagering manufacturer licensee when all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The acquirer is an existing licensed slot machine, table game, interactive gaming, sports wagering or video gaming terminal manufacturer.

(2) The existing licensed sports wagering manufacturer has provided the Bureau and the Bureau of Licensing notification and a copy of all documents governing the acquisition at least 60 days prior to the acquisition.

(3) After reviewing the documentation, the Bureau and the Bureau of Licensing determine that the filing of a petition is not required.

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