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The Massachusetts Gaming Commission Issues

\$10,000 Fine to Plainridge Park Casino

Casino receives administrative penalty for noncompliance with alcohol beverage storage and distribution requirements

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission has issued a \$10,000 fine to Plainridge Park Casino for alcohol-related matters of non-compliance.

In accordance with Mass. General Law chapter 23K, § 36, the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has assessed Plainridge Park Casino (PPC) with a civil administrative penalty in the agreed-upon amount of \$10,000 for alcohol storage and distribution violations. The IEB identified incidents of noncompliance regarding *G.L. c. 23K, § 26(e); 205 CMR 136.07(7); 205 CMR 138.12*; Section 138.12 of PPC's Internal Controls; and the conditions attached to PPC's gaming beverage licenses. PPC is subject to strict rules and regulations pertaining to alcohol storage and distribution.

As part of the IEB's monitoring duties, all IEB gaming agents assigned to PPC perform random and unannounced checks to ascertain compliance with regulations and internal controls. During the period of April 19, 2016 to May 8, 2016, gaming agents observed seven incidents of noncompliance pertaining to alcohol storage requirements involving unsecured doors to refrigerators containing alcohol.

During the period of April 24, 2016 to May 7, 2016, IEB gaming agents observed 13 incidents of noncompliance regarding alcohol distribution. In these instances, gaming agents observed the delivery of more than two drinks to an individual patron at a time, which is contrary to regulations adopted by the Gaming Commission.

PPC, on its own initiative, proactively took the following steps to remedy the violations:

- ✓ Additional training was delivered to all PPC bartenders
- ✓ New signage was placed in every bar on the property delineating the prohibited alcohol distribution rules
- ✓ Increased manager oversight
- ✓ Disciplinary discussions with several employees
- ✓ One employee termination for repeated violations

By agreeing to the administrative penalty, PPC waived its rights to an adjudicatory hearing on this matter.



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