



Legal Division

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby provided that in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §2, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”) will convene a public hearing for purposes of gathering comments, ideas, and information relative to proposed amendments to 205 CMR. The proposals were developed pursuant to G.L. c.23K, §5 and G.L. c.128A § 9, as part of the Commission’s regulation promulgation process. The proposals include the following amendments:

205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing. The amendments describe Veterinary practices, set up conditions that allow for the use of therapeutic medications, reduce penalties for multiple medication violations, change the Furosemide dosage to 500 mg, expand criteria for out of competition testing, and allow judges to use environmental contaminants and substances of human use as possibilities for mitigating circumstances in disciplinary actions.

205 CMR 4.00 Rules of Horse Racing. The amendments describe Veterinary practices, set up conditions that allow for the use of therapeutic medications, reduce penalties for multiple medication violations, expand criteria for out of competition testing, and allow judges to use environmental contaminants and substances of human use as possibilities for mitigating circumstances in disciplinary actions.

205 CMR 134.00: Licensing and Registration of Employees, Vendors, Junket Enterprises and Representatives, and Labor Organizations. The amendments remove outside directors and sales representatives as automatic gaming vendor qualifiers.

205 CMR 115.00: Phase 1 and New Qualifier Suitability Determination, Standards, and Procedures. The amendments clarify licensee and qualifier reporting and update requirements to the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau.

205 CMR 141.00: Surveillance of the Gaming Establishment. The amendments update the surveillance regulations to conform to best practices within the industry.

205 CMR 143.00: Gaming Devices and Electronic Gaming Equipment. The amendments supplement the previously adopted GLI (Gaming Laboratory International) standards pertaining to progressive slot machines and wide area progressive slot machines.

Scheduled hearing date and time: August 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Hearing location: Massachusetts Gaming Commission, 101 Federal Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts.

A complete copy of the draft regulation referenced above may be downloaded by visiting www.massgaming.com and clicking on the ‘Regulations and Compliance’ tab. Anybody wishing to offer comment on any of the draft regulations may appear at the public hearing at the designated date and time or submit written comments. Those who wish to submit written comments on the draft regulations may do so by sending an email to mgccomments@state.ma.us with ‘draft regulations comment’ in the subject line. Please be certain to identify in your comments the section number of the regulation for which you are commenting. Comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2017.



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