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MGC Seeks Public Comment on MGM Springfield Beverage License Application Request for Extended Hours

Today the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) is requesting public comment on a draft of MGM Springfield's gaming beverage license application and, specifically, its request for extended hours on the gaming floor. The Commission, during a public meeting at its Boston office, reviewed MGM's draft application and decided to seek public feedback. All submitted comments will be reviewed and considered by the Commission before a final determination on MGM's license application.

As required by the gaming law, MGM Springfield recently submitted a draft beverage license application to the MGC. The application is substantially complete and contains requests for 22 licensed areas throughout the property. Generally, the application seeks alcohol service at each of these areas between the hours of 8 a.m. – 2 a.m. According to the license application, all front-facing bars will close at 2 a.m. Also, MGM Springfield is requesting extended alcohol service between 2 a.m. – 4 a.m. specifically on the casino floor and only to patrons actively engaged in gambling. A recent legislative amendment provided the MGC with authority to consider a two-hour extension of alcohol service (between 2 a.m. – 4 a.m.) at licensed gaming facilities only on the gaming floor so long as the patron is actively gaming and to require the necessary restrictions and limitations.

Read MGM Springfield's draft gaming beverage application.

Request for public comment:

Specifically, the MGC is seeking public comment about MGM's request for extended alcohol service between 2 a.m. – 4 a.m. exclusively on the casino floor and only to patrons actively engaged in gambling.

How to submit a comment:

Send comments via email at mgccomments@state.ma.us with "MGM Springfield Liquor License Application" in the subject line.

Mail written comments to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, 101 Federal Street, 12th Floor, Boston, MA 02110 Attn: Catherine Blue, General Counsel.

Comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2018.

About MassGaming

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in November 2011. In creating that process, the Commission will strive to ensure that its decision-making and regulatory systems engender the confidence of the public and participants, and that they provide the greatest possible economic development benefits and revenues to the people of the Commonwealth, reduce to the maximum extent possible the potentially negative or unintended consequences of the new legislation, and allow an appropriate return on investment for gaming providers that assures the operation of casino-resorts of the highest quality. For more information on MGC, please visit MassGaming.com or connect and share on Twitter (MassGamingComm) or Facebook www.facebook.com/MAGamingComm.