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**Massachusetts Gaming Commission Appoints Rick Day as Executive Director**  
*Experienced Gaming Regulator and Law Enforcement Veteran to Lead Commission*

Today the five commissioners of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) voted unanimously to appoint law enforcement veteran and seasoned gaming regulator, Rick Day, as Executive Director. Mr. Day was appointed today at an open public meeting after a lengthy interview with commissioners. As MGC's Executive Director, Mr. Day will be the executive and administrative head of the Commission responsible for administering and enforcing the provisions of the Expanded Gaming Act. Mr. Day will plan, direct, execute and coordinate all administrative activities and assist the Commission in developing the policy and procedures related to the regulation of gaming in Massachusetts.

Rick Day is currently the Executive Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission and was recently selected as the commission's one finalist after a nationwide search that began with close to 100 names.

Mr. Day has more than 30 years in the criminal justice system with more than two decades dedicated to state law enforcement and regulatory work involving gambling investigations and compliance. Since 2001, Mr. Day has been the Executive Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission where he currently leads over 150 gaming employees including special agents, auditors and licensing units. He also negotiates the Tribal-State Gaming compacts on behalf of the state. In addition, Mr. Day is responsible for successfully executing and completing statewide criminal and regulatory gambling investigations including felony cheating, bookmaking and employee theft. During his tenure as executive director, Mr. Day created an international task force with federal, state, and Canadian law enforcement agencies to investigate illegal internet gambling by actively investigating high-profile cases.

Chairman Steve Crosby stated, "On behalf of my fellow commissioners, we are very pleased to appoint Rick Day as MGC's first Executive Director. Day is a very senior gaming professional with 11 years of experience running a gaming regulatory agency comparable in size to what our commission will eventually be at full operation. Day's in-depth knowledge of every facet of gaming licensing and regulation as well as demonstrably great management skills will be an enormous asset to the successful growth and progress of our organization."

Six months ago, the gaming commission designated Commissioner Bruce Stebbins as the hiring manager for the executive director search. Working closely with MGC's contracted executive search firm, Juri-Staff, Commissioner Stebbins assessed and reviewed more than 20 potential candidates from across the country. After a lengthy and diligent search for experienced gaming applicants, Commissioner Stebbins presented his top finalist, Mr. Day, to his fellow commissioners at today's open meeting.

Prior to his role as Washington's gaming control board executive director, Mr. Day was the first Director of Montana's then newly-created Department of Corrections from 1995-2000. As director, Day's responsibilities included organizing the first Department of Corrections in Montana's history, providing leadership and management for more than 1,000 positions, 25 field offices, eight secure facilities, probation and parole, and a 40,000 acre correctional ranch.

As Bureau Chief of the Gambling Control Division at the Department of Justice in Montana in 1989 from 1991, Mr. Day is also credited with establishing and managing Montana's first criminal and regulatory gambling investigations bureau for the Montana Attorney General's office.

Mr. Day began his career as a police officer in Montana. He graduated from Montana State University with a degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice. He also holds a Master's Degree from the University of Washington in Public Administration.

### **About MGC**

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 [www.mass.gov/gaming](http://www.mass.gov/gaming) or connect and share on Twitter (@MassGamingComm) or Facebook ([www.facebook.com/MAGamingComm](http://www.facebook.com/MAGamingComm)).