



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(a) and G.L. c.128A § 9, as part of the Commission’s regulation promulgation process. The proposals include the following amendments:

205 CMR 133.00: Voluntary Self-Exclusion. The amendments govern the responsibilities of the gaming licensees relative to the administration of the voluntary self-exclusion list, including the non-payment and confiscation of winnings or wagering instruments from self-excluded individuals.

205 CMR 143.00: Gaming Devices and Electronic Gaming Equipment. The amendments provide that slot machines and other electronic gaming devices may operate any industry standard open communication protocol provided that the system is fully compatible with the Commission’s central monitoring system and capable of providing all data required by the Commission. The amendment also removes the existing slot machine communication protocol restriction.

205 CMR 152.00: Individuals Excluded from a Gaming Establishment. The amendments govern the procedures for individuals excluded from a gaming establishment, including notification to individuals of intention to place their names on an exclusion list, opportunity for a hearing, and submission by the gaming licensee of a written policy for compliance with the exclusion list program.

205 CMR 149.00: Race Horse Development Fund. The amendments to this regulation defines the term *Horseman’s Organization* and provides for the following: funds shall be divided between the racing associations at the discretion of the Commission if there are more than one racing association; funds shall be paid upon receipt of an executed purse agreement by the racing association and the horseman’s organization; the Commission shall divide the health and pension benefits evenly between the horseman’s organizations if there are more than one horseman’s organization; and the Commission may distribute less than the entire amount of the funds and any remaining funds shall be available for payment in future years

205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing

205 CMR 4.00: Rules of Horse Racing

The amendments to these regulations update the helmet requirements, eliminate Stanozolol, and change the thresholds for Nandrolone and Ketoprofen to comply with the Racing Commissioners International (“RCI”) regulations.



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Scheduled hearing date and time: April 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

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

A complete copy of the draft regulations referenced above may be downloaded by visiting www.massgaming.com and clicking on the 'Regulations' 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, April 8, 2016.**



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