

STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: June 25, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: **Amended Casino and Skills Based Amusement Devices Regulations**

PRESENTER: Jim Logue, Managing Director, Gaming

ISSUE SUMMARY: Ten amended regulations have been proposed in a continuing effort to achieve industry best practices. Nine of the changes were made at the request of Maryland's casino industry and one is a staff recommendation.

36.03.02.17 Vendor Registration and Certification

The proposed amendment would increase the vendor registration limit to \$20,000.

36.03.06.01 Enforcement

The proposed amendments to Regulation .01 would clarify that, if a casino uses technology to comply with the confidentiality requirements of Regulation .01.B, the casino is responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable State laws, and for preventing unauthorized access to confidential VEP records. The proposed amendments to Regulation .02 would specifically require a casino that uses this technology include the confidentiality assurance with its annual report to the Commission describing its responsible gaming plan.

36.03.10.03 Forms and Documents

The proposed amendment clarifies the reporting requirements for a missing form or document that is required to be accounted for by series number or copies of a form or document that are required to be compared for agreement.

36.03.10.16 Internal Audit Department Standards

The proposed amendment removes the 90 day follow up requirement and changes the Player Tracking System audit from at least semiannual to at least annual.

36.03.10.20 Checks Accepted from a Player

The proposed amendment would authorize a facility operator to accept checks issued as a payout in connection with gaming activity from a facility operator that holds a valid gaming license in another jurisdiction, subject to a daily aggregate limit of \$25,000.

36.03.10.28 Counter Check Substitution, Consolidation, and Redemption

The proposed amendment would authorize a counter check to be redeemed in a gaming pit.

36.04.01.18 Video Lottery Terminal Tower Lights and Error Conditions

The proposed amendments would authorize a bar-top style video lottery terminal to use different tower lights from an upright VLT.

36.04.01.28 Progressive Video Lottery Terminals

The proposed amendment allows the progressive controller to be located in a video lottery terminal, as well as another secured area.

36.05.03.23 Table Game Payouts

The proposed amendment clarifies the procedures for issuing a manual table game payout document.

36.08.03.02 Amusement Gaming License

The proposed amendment would make this regulation consistent with COMAR 36.08.02.01, which was amended in June 2019 to require registration every other year.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED/REQUESTED:

- 1) Review and approval of the proposed amended regulations.
- 2) Motion to delegate to staff the authority to make any non-substantive changes to these regulation amendments that may be necessary to prepare them for publication in the *Maryland Register*.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval.