

IN THE MATTER OF THE

Maryland Live! Casino,

Respondent.

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BEFORE THE

MARYLAND LOTTERY
AND GAMING CONTROL
COMMISSION

October 2017 Regulatory Violations

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article (“SG”), §§ 9-1A-01, *et seq.* (“Gaming Law”), and Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 36.03.04.06, the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission (“Commission”) and PPE Casino Resorts Maryland, LLC (“Maryland Live! Casino”) desire to resolve this matter without a formal administrative hearing. Accordingly, the parties recite the following facts and make the following agreements:

BACKGROUND

The Commission, with the assistance of the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (“MLGCA” or “Agency”), regulates the operation of the State’s video lottery terminals (“VLTs”) and table games, and is responsible for licensing qualified facility operators and ensuring that the operation of video lottery facilities, VLTs and table games is conducted legally. SG §§ 9-1A-02(b), 9-1A-04(b)(14).

If a licensee violates a provision of the Gaming Law, a regulation promulgated by the Commission, or a directive of the Commission or the Director of the MLGCA, the Commission is authorized to, after a hearing, take action against a licensee that may include suspension or revocation of a license, and levying a civil penalty for each violation. SG §§ 9-1A-04(a)(3) – (8), -25; Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 36.03.04. The Commission may also take other

enforcement action, such as a corrective action plan, a reprimand, or imposition of a condition on a license. SG §§ 9-1A-04(a)(3), -25; COMAR 36.03.04. The Commission may also agree with a licensee to reach a settlement to resolve a violation. COMAR 36.03.04.06.

Maryland Live! Casino is licensed by the Commission as the operator of the video lottery facility in Anne Arundel County.

By letter dated January 16, 2018, the Agency notified Maryland Live! Casino of alleged violations of the Gaming Law – regulatory violations for the audit period of October 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017. The Agency included the monthly audit report for October 2017 indicating those violations for which the Agency is proposing a settlement amount. The Notice of Alleged Violations asserted that these actions violated the Gaming Law and regulations promulgated thereunder, and that these actions were sanctionable.

Maryland Live! Casino has taken corrective measures to ensure future compliance with these regulations.

The parties agree to the following terms and conditions as a means of resolving the captioned alleged violations.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. This Consent Agreement is being entered into as a means of settling the alleged violations and avoiding the potential expense and inconvenience of a formal hearing.
2. There has not been a formal finding as to the merits of the allegations in the Notices of Violation. This Consent Agreement does not constitute an admission or denial by either party that a violation of law or regulation has occurred.
3. Upon the parties' execution of this Consent Agreement, Commission staff shall submit this Consent Agreement to the Commission for review and final approval at its meeting on

February 22, 2018.


4. Upon the Commission's final approval of this Consent Agreement, and no later than 10 days after, Maryland Live! Casino shall remit payment of \$1,500.00 to the Commission.
5. Upon receipt of payment from Maryland Live! Casino, the Commission will close these matters.
6. Maryland Live! Casino will continue to take appropriate measures to ensure future compliance with these violations.
7. If Maryland Live! Casino violates a term of this Consent Agreement, the Commission may impose a sanction or penalty on Maryland Live! Casino for violating the Agreement or for the underlying violations. COMAR 36.03.04.06.
8. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Maryland Live! Casino waives all rights to administrative or judicial review of these alleged violations.
9. This Consent Agreement extends only to those alleged violations referenced in the January 16, 2018, Alleged Notice of Violations. If the Commission subsequently discovers additional facts of a material and substantial nature involving any of the incidents cited in the January 16, 2018, Alleged Notice of Violations, and said facts constitute additional alleged violations, the Commission may pursue such additional alleged violations. Maryland Live! Casino may dispute such additional alleged violations.
10. This Consent Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No prior or subsequent understandings, agreements, or representations, oral or written that are not specified or referenced within this document will be valid provisions of this Consent Agreement.

11. This Consent Agreement may not be modified, supplemented or amended, in any manner, except by written agreement signed by the parties.

12. This Consent Agreement is not final and binding until it is approved by the Commission. COMAR 36.03.04.06B(2).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Consent Agreement as set forth

below:

 1-31-18

Travis Lamb (date)
General Manager
PPE Casino Resorts Maryland, LLC

Gordon Medenica (date)
Director
Maryland Lottery and Gaming

APPROVED:

Kimberly Robertson (date)
Chair, Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission

MARYLAND LIVE CASINO – REGULATORY VIOLATIONS FOR OCTOBER 2017

The Gaming Audit Division conducted an audit of Maryland Live Casino for the period beginning, October 1, 2017, and ending October 31, 2017, pursuant to the Audit Plan.

Credit Department Condition:

Subject – The facility did not suspend 5 out of 5 player credit accounts upon notification of a returned counter check. As a result, the procedures to reinstate credit privileges after suspension were not performed either.

Settlement Amount: \$1,000.00

Table Game Operations Condition:

Subject – On October 10, 2017, the procedures for closing a table game were not performed properly. The pit boss was observed counting the table inventory, filling out the table inventory slip, and dropping the slip into the drop box. The dealer did not sign the table inventory slip.

Settlement Amount: \$250.00

Cage Operations Condition:

Subject – The cashier and main banker did not consistently sign cashier count sheets for four out of five days.

- Five out of ten assignment slips were not properly signed.
- Seven out of ten cashier transfer slips were not properly signed.
- Three out of ten cashiers and main banker drop slips were not properly signed.
- Two out of ten assignment slips for the same shift are duplicates that include the same cashier and main banker.

This is a repeat issue from the July 2017 audit report.

Settlement Amount: \$250.00