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PUBLIC NOTICE VIRGIN ISLANDS CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission (“VICCC” or “Commission”), pursuant to the authority vested in the Commission by 32 V.I.C. § 421, proposes to adopt the amended proposed regulations described below, after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

The Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission (“VICCC” or “Commission”) proposes to adopt amendments to Chapter 408, 434, 436, 444, 455 & 456 of the Virgin Islands Casino Commission Regulations as follows:

Subchapter 2. Organization and Operation of the Commission

§408-2.2 Meetings

To bring §408-2.2 in conformity with the provisions of Title 32, Chapter 21, Article IV, §425 of the Virgin Islands Code.

§408-2.3 Quorum

To bring §408-2.3 in conformity with the provisions of Title 32, Chapter 21, Article IV, §425 of the Virgin Islands Code.

§408-2.4. Resolutions and Minutes

To modernize the manner in which minutes and resolutions are recorded by the Commission.

§434-4.1. Duration of License; Conditions

To bring §434-4.1 in conformity with the provisions of Title 32, Chapter 21, Article VI, §439(e) of the Virgin Islands Code.

§436-1.2 Employee Licensing and Registrant Requirements – *(extend time for consideration and comment in compliance with 32VIC§421. To reduce the age of persons employed as a casino key employee from 21 to 18 years of age.*

Subchapter 2. Forms

§436-2.1 Personal History Disclosure Form 1 (Level 1 Casino Key Employee/Qualifier)

To amend §436-2.1 to replace the Casino Key Employee Personal History Disclosure Form with the IAGR Multijurisdictional Personal History Disclosure Form.

§436-2.7 Casino Disclosure Form (Casino License Application)

To amend 436-2.7 to replace the Casino Disclosure Form with the Business Entity Disclosure Form.

Subchapter 6. Fees**§436-6.3 Application Fees and License Term**

To amend Casino License Fees and terms.

Casino	Casino Floor Space	Initial (1) One Year License	Two (2) Year Renewal License	Up to Four (4) Year Renewal License
I (300 - 1499 rooms)	10,000 sq. ft. Each additional 5,000 sq. ft. or portion thereof.	\$350,000 \$ 50,000	\$280,000 \$ 40,000	\$560,000 \$ 80,000
II (200-299 rooms)¹	7,000 Sq. Ft. Each additional 5,000 sq. ft. or portion thereof.	\$150,000 \$ 50,000	\$120,000 \$ 40,000	\$240,000 \$ 80,000
III (150-199 rooms)	5,000 Sq. Ft. Each additional 5,000 sq. ft. or portion thereof.	\$100,000 \$ 50,000	\$ 80,000 \$ 40,000	\$160,000 \$ 80,000
IV Enterprise Zone (Min 75 sleeping units)	5,000 Sq. Ft. Each additional 5,000 sq. ft. or portion thereof.	\$ 80,000 \$ 20,000	\$ 60,000 \$ 20,000	\$120,000 \$ 40,000
Government Casino	5,000 Sq. Ft. Each additional 5,000 sq. ft. or portion thereof	\$ 80,000 \$ 50,000	\$ 60,000 \$ 50,000	\$120,000 \$ 80,000
VIPA Casino	5,000 Sq. Ft. Each additional 5,000 sq. ft. or portion thereof	\$100,000 \$ 50,000	\$ 80,000 \$ 50,000	\$160,000 \$ 80,000
Racino	5,000 Sq. Ft. Each additional 5,000 sq. ft. or portion thereof	\$ 25,000 \$ 25,000	\$ 50,000 \$ 25,000	\$100,000 \$ 50,000

¹ Offsite Casino has maximum of 10,000 sq. ft.

§436-6.4 Slot Machine Fees.

To increase Slot Machine Fees from \$250.00 to \$260.00.

§436-6.5 Casino Hotel Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

To amend 436-6.5 to provide for license fees for Casino Hotel Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, and increase the fees for non-casino hotel entities from \$75.00 per day to \$150.00 per day.

§436-6.6 Gaming Related Casino Servicing Entity License Fee

To amend 436-6.6 for CSE/GR initial license fee of \$4,000 for two years, and renewal license fee of \$2,000 plus \$120.00 per hour fee for active investigation costs.

§436-6.7 Non-Gaming Related Casino Service Industry License Fee

To amend 436-6.7 for CSI/NGR initial license fee of \$1,800 for two years, and renewal license fee of \$1,600 for two years plus \$120.00 per hour fee for active investigation costs.

§436-6.8 Junket Enterprise License Fees

To amend 436-6.8. for Junket Enterprise initial license fee of \$3,000 for two years, and renewal license fee of \$2,400 for two years plus \$120.00 per hour fee for active investigation costs.

§436-6.10 Casino Key Employee License

To amend 436-6.10 for initial license fee of \$600.00 for two years, and renewal license fee of \$400.00 for two years plus \$120.00 per hour fee for active investigation costs.

§436-6.11 Junket Representative License Term and Fees

To amend 436-6.11 for initial license fee of \$450.00 for two years, and renewal license fee of \$400.0 for two years.

§436-6.14 Casino Employee License Fees

To amend 436-6.14 for initial license fee of \$450.00 for two years, and renewal license fee of \$400.00 for two years.

§436-6.15 Casino Hotel and Security Employee Registration Fee

Amend 436-6.15 to provide for an annual instead of a one-time registration fees for Casino Service Employees.

§436-6.16 Miscellaneous Administrative Fees

To amend §436-6.16 to provide for the following fees: Lost licenses-replacement fee \$10.00, Work permit fee-new \$25.00, Work permit fee-renewal \$50.00, Work permit replacement fee \$15.00, Hourly investigation and administrative fee \$120.00/hour, NSF Check fee \$25.00, Photocopy fees \$1.00 per page, Office Use fees \$100.00 per half day; \$200 per full day, License change of name/address fee \$10.0, Lost License replacement fee \$10.00.

§444-1.6 Application for Initial Casino Servicing Entity License

To amend §444-1.6 to replace the Personal History Disclosure Form-1 (PHD-1) for Casino Servicing Entity Gaming Related applicant with the IAGR Multijurisdictional Personal History Disclosure Form.

§444-1.7 Application for Renewal of Casino Servicing Entity License

To amend §444-1.7 to replace the Personal History Disclosure Form-1 (PHD-1) and PHD-1 Renewal Form for Casino Servicing Entity Gaming Related applicant with the IAGR Multijurisdictional Personal History Disclosure Form.

§444A-2.6 Application for Initial License

To amend §444A-2.6 to replace the Personal Disclosure Form-1 (PDF-1) with the IAGR Multijurisdictional Personal History Disclosure Form.

§456-8.6 Testing and Approval of Slot Machines

To amend §456-8.6 to add the State of Mississippi Gaming Commission to list of approved testing facilities for slot machines manufactured for use in a St. Croix casino or racino.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing has been scheduled to permit all interested persons the opportunity to present statements or arguments, oral or in writing, with respect to the subjects noted above, on the following date:

Date: Friday October 9, 2015

Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00PM

Place: Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission Office Hearing Room

3005 Estate Orange Grove

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Individuals with disabilities who require this information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in this hearing are asked to contact Ms. Cherene Williams-Walters at 340-718-3616 as soon as possible. The Commission requests at least three days advanced notice to provide requested special accommodations.

Requests for copies of the details of the proposed amendments to the Commission Regulations can be sent via email to: vagolden@casinocontrolcommisison.vi or Fax requests to 340-718-3136.

Please note that the public hearing will begin promptly at 10:00 AM and will conclude when the last speaker has finished his or her presentation. If the public hearing concludes before 1:00 PM, no afternoon public hearing session will be held. The Commission requests, but does not require, that any persons who make oral comments at the hearings also provide a written copy of their testimony. Equal weight will be accorded to oral comments and written materials.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission. The written comment period closes at 5:00 PM on October 16, 2015. The Commission will consider only comments received at the VICCC by that time. Equal weight will be accorded to oral comments presented at the hearing and written materials. Submit written comments to the proposed regulations prior to the close of the public comment period to:

Violet Anne Golden

Chairman

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Written comments may be submitted by facsimile transmission (FAX) addressed to the above-named contact person at 340-718-3136. Written comments may also be sent electronically (via email) using the following e-mail address: vagolden@casinocontrolcommission.vi.

Unless submitted prior to or at the public hearing, Commissioner Golden must receive all written comments no later than 5:00 PM on October 16, 2015.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Title 32, Chapter 21, Article IV, §421 authorizes the Commission “to adopt, amend, or repeal such regulations, consistent with the policy and objectives of this chapter, as it may deem necessary or desirable for the public interest in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.”