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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Ohio Casino Control Commission ("Commission") on **March 24, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** at its main office, located at 100 E. Broad Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public comment on the rules contained in ERF package number 210150, the summaries of which are below.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present testimony. Written comments may also be submitted to the attention of Emily Berner, Assistant General Counsel, Ohio Casino Control Commission, at 100 E. Broad Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, or by electronic mail at <u>rulecomments@casinocontrol.ohio.gov</u>.

## **Rule Summaries**

- 3772-5-01 titled "Key employee license required" (amendment) This rule lists the positions for which a key employee license is required. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that those people who have the power to exercise significant influence over entities engaged in casino gaming are suitable to do so, through the Commission's key employee licensure process, as required by R.C. 3772.01, 3772.03, 3772.09, 3772.10, and R.C. 3772.13. The amendment removes a prohibition on employment, as well as a duplicative requirement for displaying the license. The amendment further maintains uniformity with language in Adm.Code 3772-8-01.
- 3772-8-01 titled "Casino gaming employee license required" (amendment) This rule specifies those employees who do not meet the definition of a key employee but who must still obtain a license to engage in the conduct of casino gaming. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that all casino gaming employees, as defined in R.C. 3772.01 and 3772.131 are suitable and eligible, through the Commission's licensure process, as required by R.C. 3772.01, 3772.03, 3772.09, 3772.10, and R.C. 3772.131. The amendment removes a prohibition on employment, as well as a duplicative requirement for displaying the license. The amendment further maintains uniformity with language in Adm.Code 3772-5-01.

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- 3772-10-06 titled "Standard financial reports" (amendment) Presently, this rule requires each casino to file certain financial reports monthly and annually with the Commission. The purpose of this rule and these reports is to ensure the ongoing financial suitability and stability of a casino operator, as required by R.C. 3772.10, and to ensure R.C. 3772.03(D)(12)'s requirement that financial statements and other records are maintained is met. The amendments still require certain financial reports but requires them to be available upon request, reducing the regulatory burden on casino operators.
- 3772-10-13 titled "Signature requirements" (amendment) This rule specifies how each casino operator will issue and maintain a signature card for each licensed employee and how employees must sign documents when a signature is required under the law. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that both the operator and the Commission can quickly and confidently investigate any issues that may arise in an area where a signature is required by an employee, amplifying the Commission's investigatory, inspection, and audit authority granted by R.C. 3772.033. The amendments remove specific requirements for signature cards to reduce regulatory burdens on casino operators and to allow them more flexibility to track and authenticate employee approvals while staying up to date with the latest technological advancements.
- 3772-11-26 titled "Cancellation and destruction of cards and dice" (amendment) The rule currently specifically states how cards and dice are to be cancelled or destroyed if no longer used for play in casino gaming, including how any cancelling marks must be applied and how any cancellations or destructions are to be logged. The purpose of this rule is to implement the Commission's R.C. 3772.03(D) statutory mandate to identify and ensure the use of only permitted gaming supplies and devices, by ensuring no longer approved or suitable cards or dice are destroyed or cancelled, lessening any risk they could be reintroduced into gameplay. The amendments will allow casino operators to follow the process set forth in their internal controls to destroy dice and cards, lessening regulatory burdens by removing the specific steps a casino operator must take to remove and destroy cards and dice.