

ARTICLE 4. CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION – DUTIES AND POWERS

5:12-63 Duties of the Commission

The Casino Control Commission shall have general responsibility for the implementation of this act, as hereinafter provided, including, without limitation, the responsibility:

- a. To hear and decide promptly and in reasonable order all license, registration, certificate, and permit applications and causes affecting the granting, suspension, revocation, or renewal thereof;
- b. To conduct all hearings pertaining to civil violations of this act or regulations promulgated hereunder;
- c. To promulgate such regulations as in its judgment may be necessary to fulfill the policies of this act;
- d. To collect all license and registration fees and taxes imposed by this act and the regulations issued pursuant hereto;
- e. To levy and collect penalties for the violation of provisions of this act and the regulations promulgated hereunder;
- f. To be present through its inspectors and agents at all times, except as provided by section 4 of P.L.2008, c.23 (C.5:12-211), during the operation of any casino or simulcasting facility for the purpose of certifying the revenue thereof, receiving complaints from the public relating to the conduct of gaming and simulcast wagering operations, examining records of revenues and procedures, and conducting periodic reviews of operations and facilities for the purpose of evaluating current or suggested provisions of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.) and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
- g. To refer to the division for investigation and prosecution any evidence of a violation of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.) or the regulations promulgated thereunder;
- h. To review and rule upon any complaint by a casino licensee regarding any investigative procedures of the division which are unnecessarily disruptive

of casino or simulcasting facility operations. The need to inspect and investigate shall be presumed at all times. The disruption of a licensee's operations shall be proved by clear and convincing evidence, which evidence shall establish that: (1) the procedures had no reasonable law enforcement purpose, and (2) the procedures were so disruptive as to inhibit unreasonably casino or simulcasting facility operations; and

i. To ensure that there is no duplication of duties and responsibilities between it and the division.

L.1977, c. 110, § 63, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1981, c. 503, § 4, eff. Feb. 15, 1982.

L.1985, c. 539, § 3, eff. Jan. 21, 1986.

L.1987, c. 137, § 2, eff. June 3, 1987.

L.1991, c. 182, § 13, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1993, c. 292, § 6, eff. Dec. 21, 1993.

L.1995, c. 18, § 14, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2008, c. 23, § 1, eff. June 27, 2008.

5:12-64 Commission powers-denials and sanctions

The commission shall assure, to the extent required by this act, that licenses, approvals, certificates, or permits shall not be issued to nor held by, nor shall there be any material involvement, directly or indirectly, with the licensed casino operation or the ownership thereof by, unqualified or disqualified persons or persons whose operations are conducted in a manner not conforming with the provisions of this act. For the purposes of this section, "unqualified person" shall mean any person who is found by the commission to be unqualified pursuant to criteria set forth in section 84 or 89, and "disqualified person" shall mean any person found by the commission to be disqualified pursuant to the criteria set forth in section 86. In enforcing the provisions of this act, the commission shall have the power and authority to deny any application; limit or restrict any license, registration, certificate, permit or approval; suspend or revoke any license, registration, certificate,

permit or approval; and, impose a penalty on any person licensed, registered, or previously approved for any cause deemed reasonable by the commission pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated thereby, except that no such denial, limitation, suspension or revocation shall be issued solely by reason of the fact that an applicant, registrant, or licensee holds an interest in or is associated with any licensed casino enterprise in any other jurisdiction.

L.1977, c. 110, § 64, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1981, c. 503, § 5, eff. Feb. 15, 1982.

L.1987, c. 354, § 4, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

5:12-65 Subpoenas; Oaths

The commission shall have the power and authority to issue subpoenas and to compel the attendance of witnesses at any place within this State, to administer oaths and to require testimony under oath before the commission or division in the course of any investigation or hearing conducted under this act. The commission may serve or cause to be served its process or notices in a manner provided for the service of process and notice in civil actions in accordance with the rules of court. The commission and the division shall have the authority to propound written interrogatories and the commission may appoint hearing examiners, to whom may be delegated the power and authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, propound written interrogatories, and require testimony under oath.

L.1977, c. 110, § 65, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1987, c. 354, § 5, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

5:12-66 Investigative hearings

The commission shall have the authority to conduct investigative hearings concerning the conduct of gaming and gaming operations as well as

the enforcement of the provisions of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.), as amended and supplemented.

L.1977, c. 110, § 66, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1995, c. 18, § 15, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

5:12-67 Testimonial immunity

The commission may order any person to answer a question or questions or produce evidence of any kind and confer immunity as provided in this section. If, in the course of any investigation or hearing conducted under this act, a person refuses to answer a question or produce evidence on the ground that he will be exposed to criminal prosecution thereby, then in addition to any other remedies or sanctions provided for by this act, the commission may, by resolution of four of its members and after the written approval of the Attorney General, issue an order to answer or to produce evidence with immunity.

If, upon issuance of such an order, the person complies therewith, he shall be immune from having such responsive answer given by him or such responsive evidence produced by him, or evidence derived therefrom, used to expose him to criminal prosecution, except that such person may nevertheless be prosecuted for any perjury committed in such answer or in producing such evidence, or for contempt for failing to give an answer or produce evidence in accordance with the order of the commission; provided, however, that no period of incarceration for contempt shall exceed 18 months in duration pursuant to this section. Any such answer given or evidence produced shall be admissible against him upon any criminal investigation, proceeding or trial against him for such perjury; upon any investigation, proceeding or trial against him for such contempt; or in any manner consonant with State and constitutional provisions.

L.1977, c. 110, § 67, eff. June 2, 1977.

5:12-68 Collection of fees, penalties or tax

At any time within five years after any amount of fees, interest, penalties or tax required to be collected pursuant to the provisions of this act shall become due and payable, the commission may bring a civil action in the courts of this State or any other state or of the United States, in the name of the State of New Jersey, to collect the amount delinquent, together with penalties and interest. An action may be brought whether or not the person owing the amount is at such time an applicant, licensee or registrant pursuant to the provisions of this act. If such action is brought in this State, a writ of attachment may be issued and no bond or affidavit prior to the issuance thereof shall be required. In all actions in this State, the records of the commission shall be prima facie evidence of the determination of the fee or tax or the amount of the delinquency.

Each debt that is due and payable as a result of fees, interest, penalties, or taxes required to be collected pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-1 et seq.) or the regulations promulgated thereunder, including any compensation authorized pursuant to section 33 of P.L.1978, c. 7 (C. 5:12-130.3), and each regulatory obligation imposed as a condition upon the issuance or renewal of a casino license which requires the licensee to maintain, as a fiduciary, a fund for a specific regulatory purpose, shall constitute a lien on the real property in this State owned or hereafter acquired by the applicant, licensee, or registrant owing such a debt or on whom such an obligation has been imposed. Except as otherwise provided in R.S. 54:5-9, such a lien shall be a first lien paramount to all prior or subsequent liens, claims, or encumbrances on that property.

L.1977, c. 110, § 68, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1987, c. 354, § 6, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1991, c. 182, § 14, eff. June 29, 1991.

5:12-69 Regulations

a. The commission shall be authorized to adopt, amend, or repeal such regulations, consistent with the policy and objectives of this act, as amended, as it may deem necessary to protect the public interest in carrying out the provisions of this act.

b. Such regulations shall be adopted, amended, and repealed in accordance with the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.).

c. Any interested person may, in accordance with the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), file a petition with the commission requesting the adoption, amendment or repeal of a regulation.

d. The commission may, in emergency circumstances, summarily adopt, amend or repeal any regulation pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.).

e. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act or the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.) to the contrary, the commission may, after notice provided in accordance with this subsection, authorize the temporary adoption, amendment or repeal of any rule concerning the conduct of gaming or simulcast wagering, or the use or design of gaming or simulcast wagering equipment, or the internal procedures and administrative and accounting controls required by section 99 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-99) for a period not to exceed 270 days for the purpose of determining whether such rules should be adopted on a permanent basis in accordance with the requirements of this section. Any temporary rulemaking authorized by this subsection shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the commission may deem appropriate. Notice of any temporary rulemaking action taken by the commission pursuant to this subsection shall be published in the New Jersey Register, and provided to the newspapers designated by the commission

pursuant to subsection d. of section 3 of P.L.1975, c. 231 (C. 10:4-8), at least seven days prior to the implementation of the temporary rules. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the publication of the text of any temporary rule adopted by the commission or notice of any modification of any temporary rulemaking initiated in accordance with this subsection. The text of any temporary rule adopted by the commission shall be available in each casino or simulcasting facility participating in the temporary rulemaking and shall be available upon request from the commission.

L.1977, c. 110, § 69, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1987, c. 354, § 7, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1987, c. 410, § 4, eff. Jan. 14, 1988.

L.1991, c. 182, § 15, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1992, c. 19, § 28, eff. June 12, 1992.

L.1993, c. 292, § 7, eff. Dec. 21, 1993.

L.1995, c. 18, § 16, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2002, c. 65, § 10, eff. Aug. 14, 2002.

5:12-70 Required regulations

The commission shall, without limitation on the powers conferred in the preceding section, include within its regulations the following specific provisions in accordance with the provisions of this act:

a. Prescribing the methods and forms of application which any applicant shall follow and complete prior to consideration of his application by the commission;

b. Prescribing the methods, procedures and form for delivery of information concerning any person's family, habits, character, associates, criminal record, business activities and financial affairs;

c. Prescribing procedures for the fingerprinting of an applicant, employee of a licensee, or registrant, or other methods of identification which may be necessary in the judgment of the commission to accomplish effective enforcement of restrictions on access to the casino floor, the simulcasting

facility, and other restricted areas of the casino hotel complex;

d. Prescribing the manner and procedure of all hearings conducted by the commission or any hearing examiner, including special rules of evidence applicable thereto and notices thereof;

e. Prescribing the manner and method of collection of payments of taxes, fees, and penalties;

f. Defining and limiting the areas of operation, the rules of authorized games, odds, and devices permitted, and the method of operation of such games and devices;

g. Regulating the practice and procedures for negotiable transactions involving patrons, including limitations on the circumstances and amounts of such transactions, and the establishment of forms and procedures for negotiable instrument transactions, redemptions, and consolidations;

h. Prescribing grounds and procedures for the revocation or suspension of operating certificates and licenses;

i. Governing the manufacture, distribution, sale, and servicing of gaming devices and equipment;

j. Prescribing for gaming operations the procedures, forms and methods of management controls, including employee and supervisory tables of organization and responsibility, and minimum security standards, including security personnel structure, alarm and other electrical or visual security measures; provided, however, that the commission shall grant an applicant for a casino license or a casino licensee broad discretion concerning the organization and responsibilities of management personnel who are not directly involved in the supervision of gaming or simulcast wagering operations;

k. Prescribing the qualifications of, and the conditions pursuant to which, engineers, accountants, and others shall be permitted to practice before the commission or to submit materials on behalf of any applicant or licensee; provided, however, that no member of the Legislature, nor any firm with which said member is associated, shall be permitted to appear or practice or act in

any capacity whatsoever before the commission or division regarding any matter whatsoever, nor shall any member of the family of the Governor or of a member of the Legislature be permitted to so practice or appear in any capacity whatsoever before the commission or division regarding any matter whatsoever;

1. Prescribing minimum procedures for the exercise of effective control over the internal fiscal affairs of a licensee, including provisions for the safeguarding of assets and revenues, the recording of cash and evidence of indebtedness, and the maintenance of reliable records, accounts, and reports of transactions, operations and events, including reports to the commission;

m. Providing for a minimum uniform standard of accountancy methods, procedures and forms; a uniform code of accounts and accounting classifications; and such other standard operating procedures, including those controls listed in section 99a. hereof, as may be necessary to assure consistency, comparability, and effective disclosure of all financial information, including calculations of percentages of profit by games, tables, gaming devices and slot machines;

n. Requiring quarterly financial reports and the form thereof, and an annual audit prepared by a certified public accountant licensed to do business in this State, attesting to the financial condition of a licensee and disclosing whether the accounts, records and control procedures examined are maintained by the licensee as required by this act and the regulations promulgated hereunder;

o. Governing the gaming-related advertising of casino licensees, their employees and agents, with the view toward assuring that such advertisements are in no way deceptive; provided, however, that such regulations shall require the words "Bet with your head, not over it," or some comparable language approved by the commission, to appear on all billboards, signs, and other on-site advertising of a casino operation and shall require the words "If you or someone you know has a gambling problem and wants help, call 1-800 GAMBLER," or some comparable language approved by the commission, which

language shall include the words "gambling problem" and "call 1-800-GAMBLER," to appear legibly on all print, billboard, and sign advertising of a casino operation; and

p. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1991, c. 182);

q. Concerning the distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the licensee, which regulations shall be insofar as possible consistent with Title 33 of the Revised Statutes, and shall deviate only insofar as necessary because of the unique character of the hotel casino premises and operations;

r. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1991, c. 182).

L.1977, c. 110, § 70, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1979, c. 282, § 14, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1982, c. 148, § 1, eff. Jan. 6, 1983.

L.1991, c. 182, § 16, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1992, c. 9, § 5, eff. May 19, 1992.

L.1993, c. 292, § 8, eff. Dec. 21, 1993.

L.1995, c. 18, § 17, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2002, c. 65, § 11, eff. Aug. 14, 2002.

5:12-71 Regulation requiring exclusion of certain persons

a. The commission shall, by regulation, provide for the establishment of a list of persons who are to be excluded or ejected from any licensed casino establishment. Such provisions shall define the standards for exclusion, and shall include standards relating to persons:

(1) Who are career or professional offenders as defined by regulations of the commission;

(2) Who have been convicted of a criminal offense under the laws of any state or of the United States, which is punishable by more than 6 months in prison, or any crime or offense involving moral turpitude; or

(3) Whose presence in a licensed casino hotel would, in the opinion of the commission, be inimical to the interest of the State of New Jersey

or of licensed gaming therein, or both.

The commission shall promulgate definitions establishing those categories of persons who shall be excluded pursuant to this section, including cheats and persons whose privileges for licensure or registration have been revoked.

b. Race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry, or sex shall not be a reason for placing the name of any person upon such list.

c. The commission may impose sanctions upon a licensed casino or individual licensee or registrant in accordance with the provisions of this act if such casino or individual licensee or registrant knowingly fails to exclude or eject from the premises of any licensed casino any person placed by the commission on the list of persons to be excluded or ejected.

d. Any list compiled by the commission of persons to be excluded or ejected shall not be deemed an all-inclusive list, and licensed casino establishments shall have a duty to keep from their premises persons known to them to be within the classifications declared in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection a. of this section and the regulations promulgated thereunder, or known to them to be persons whose presence in a licensed casino hotel would be inimical to the interests of the State of New Jersey or of licensed casino gaming therein, or both, as defined in standards established by the commission.

e. Whenever the division petitions the commission to place the name of any person on a list pursuant to this section, the commission shall serve notice of such fact to such person by personal service, by certified mail at the last known address of such person, or by publication daily for 1 week in a newspaper of general circulation in Atlantic City.

f. Within 30 days after service of the petition in accordance with subsection e. of this section, the person named for exclusion or ejection may demand a hearing before the commission at which hearing the division shall have the affirmative obligation to demonstrate by a preponderance of the

evidence that the person named for exclusion or ejection satisfies the criteria for exclusion established by this section and the commission's regulations. Failure to demand such a hearing within 30 days after service shall be deemed an admission of all matters and facts alleged in the division's petition and shall preclude a person from having an administrative hearing, but shall in no way affect his or her right to judicial review as provided herein.

g. The division may file an application with the commission requesting preliminary placement on the list of a person named in a petition for exclusion or ejection pending completion of a hearing on the petition. The hearing on the application for preliminary placement shall be a limited proceeding at which the division shall have the affirmative obligation to demonstrate that there is a reasonable possibility that the person satisfies the criteria for exclusion established by this section and the commission's regulations. If a person has been placed on the list as a result of an application for preliminary placement, unless otherwise agreed by the commission and the named person, a hearing on the petition for exclusion or ejection shall be initiated within 30 days after the receipt of a demand for such hearing or the date of preliminary placement on the list, whichever is later.

h. If, upon completion of the hearing on the petition for exclusion or ejection, the commission determines that the person named therein does not satisfy the criteria for exclusion established by this section and the commission's regulations, the commission shall issue an order denying the petition. If the person named in the petition for exclusion or ejection had been placed on the list as a result of an application for preliminary placement, the commission shall notify all casino licensees of his or her removal from the list.

i. If, upon completion of a hearing on the petition for exclusion or ejection, the commission determines that placement of the name of the person on the exclusion list is appropriate, the commission shall make and enter an order to that effect, which order shall be served on all casino licensees. Such order shall be subject to review by the Superior Court in accordance with the

rules of court.

L.1977, c. 110, § 71, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1979, c. 282, § 15, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1981, c. 503, § 6, eff. Feb. 15, 1982.

L.1991, c. 182, § 17, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1993, c. 292, § 9, eff. Dec. 21, 1993.

5:12-71.1 Repeat offenders excludable from casino hotels

A casino licensee may exclude or eject from its casino hotel any person who is known to it to have been convicted of a crime, disorderly persons offense, or petty disorderly persons offense committed in or on the premises of any casino hotel. Nothing in this section or in any other law of this State shall limit the right of a casino licensee to exercise its common law right to exclude or eject permanently from its casino hotel any person who disrupts the operations of its premises, threatens the security of its premises or its occupants, or is disorderly or intoxicated.

L.1993, c. 292, § 40, eff. Dec. 21, 1993.

Amended by:

L.1995, c. 18, § 18, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

5:12-71.2 List of persons self-excluded from gaming activities at all licensed casinos and simulcasting facilities; procedures; establishment; liability

a. The commission shall provide by regulation for the establishment of a list of persons self-excluded from gaming activities at all licensed casinos and simulcasting facilities. Any person may request placement on the list of self-excluded persons by acknowledging in a manner to be established by the commission that the person is a problem gambler and by agreeing that, during any period of voluntary exclusion, the person may not collect any winnings or recover any losses resulting from any gaming activity at such casinos and

facilities.

b. The regulations of the commission shall establish procedures for placements on, and removals from, the list of self-excluded persons. Such regulations shall establish procedures for the transmittal to licensed casinos and simulcasting facilities of identifying information concerning self-excluded persons, and shall require licensed casinos and simulcasting facilities to establish procedures designed, at a minimum, to remove self-excluded persons from targeted mailings or other forms of advertising or promotions and deny self-excluded persons access to credit, complementaries, check cashing privileges club programs, and other similar benefits.

c. A licensed casino or simulcasting facility or employee thereof shall not be liable to any self-excluded person or to any other party in any judicial proceeding for any harm, monetary or otherwise, which may arise as a result of:

(1) the failure of a licensed casino or simulcasting facility to withhold gaming privileges from, or restore gaming privileges to, a self-excluded person; or

(2) otherwise permitting a self-excluded person to engage in gaming activity in such licensed casino or simulcasting facility while on the list of self-excluded persons.

d. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.) or any other law to the contrary, the commission's list of self-excluded persons shall not be open to public inspection. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed to prohibit a casino licensee from disclosing the identity of persons self-excluded pursuant to this section to affiliated gaming entities in this State or other jurisdictions for the limited purpose of assisting in the proper administration of responsible gaming programs operated by such gaming affiliated entities.

e. A licensed casino or simulcasting facility or employee thereof shall not be liable to any self-excluded person or to any other party in any judicial

proceeding for any harm, monetary or otherwise, which may arise as a result of disclosure or publication in any manner, other than a willfully unlawful disclosure or publication, of the identity of any self-excluded person.

L.2001, c. 39, § 1, eff. March 23, 2001.

Amended by:

L.2002, c. 65, § 12, eff. Aug. 14, 2002.

5:12-71.3 Excluded person; forfeiture of winnings; other sanctions

a. A person who is prohibited from gaming in a licensed casino or simulcasting facility by any provision of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.) or any order of the commission or court of competent jurisdiction, including any person on the self-exclusion list pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2001, c. 39 (C.5:12-71.2), shall not collect, in any manner or proceeding, any winnings or recover any losses arising as a result of any prohibited gaming activity.

b. For the purposes of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.), any gaming activity in a licensed casino or simulcasting facility which results in a prohibited person obtaining any money or thing of value from, or being owed any money or thing of value by, the casino or simulcasting facility shall be considered, solely for purposes of this section, to be a fully executed gambling transaction.

c. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any money or thing or value which has been obtained by, or is owed to, any prohibited person by a licensed casino or simulcasting facility as a result of wagers made by a prohibited person shall be subject to forfeiture by order of the commission, on complaint of the division, following notice to the prohibited person and opportunity to be heard. Of any forfeited amount under \$100,000, one-half shall be deposited into the State General Fund for appropriation by the Legislature to the Department of Health and Senior Services to provide funds for compulsive gambling treatment and prevention programs in the State and the remaining one-half shall be deposited into the Casino Revenue Fund. Of

any forfeited amount of \$100,000 or more, \$50,000 shall be deposited into the State General Fund for appropriation by the Legislature to the Department of Health and Senior Services to provide funds for compulsive gambling treatment and prevention programs and the remainder shall be deposited into the Casino Revenue Fund.

d. In any proceeding brought by the division against a licensee or registrant pursuant to section 108 of P.L. 1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-108) for a willful violation of the commission's self-exclusion regulations, the commission may order, in addition to any other sanction authorized by section 129 of P.L. 1977, c. 110 (C.5:12-129), the forfeiture of any money or thing of value obtained by the licensee or registrant from any self-excluded person. Any money or thing of value so forfeited shall be disposed of in the same manner as any money or thing of value forfeited pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

L.2001, c. 39, § 2, eff. March 23, 2001.

5:12-72 Commission reports and recommendations

The commission shall carry on a continuous study of the operation and administration of casino control laws which may be in effect in other jurisdictions, literature on this subject which may from time to time become available, federal laws which may affect the operation of casino gaming in this State, and the reaction of New Jersey citizens to existing and potential features of casino gaming under this act. It shall be responsible for ascertaining any defects in this act or in the rules and regulations issued thereunder, formulating recommendations for changes in this act to prevent abuses thereof, guarding against the use of this act as a cloak for the carrying on of illegal gambling or other criminal activities, and insuring that this act and the rules and regulations shall be in such form and be so administered as to serve the true purposes of this act. The commission shall make to the Governor and the Legislature an annual report of all revenues, expenses and disbursements, and

shall include therein such recommendations for changes in this act as the commission deems necessary or desirable. The commission shall also report recommendations that promote more efficient operations of the commission. The commission shall report immediately to the Governor and the Legislature any matters which in its judgment require immediate changes in the laws of this State in order to prevent abuses and evasions of this act or of rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, or to rectify undesirable conditions in connection with the operation and regulation of casino gaming.

L.1977, c. 110, § 72, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1995, c. 18, § 19, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

5:12-73 Meetings and Quorum

a. Meetings of the commission will be held at the discretion of the chairman at such times and places as he may deem necessary and convenient, or at the call of three members of the commission.

b. The commission shall in all respects comply with the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act" (P.L.1975, c. 231; C. 10:4-6 et seq.).

c. Any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, the commission shall take all necessary steps to ensure that all interested persons are given adequate notice of commission meetings, and the agenda of such meetings, through the utilization of all media engaged in the dissemination of information.

d. A majority of the full commission shall determine any action of the commission, except that no casino license or interim casino authorization may be issued without the approval of four members. In the event that a vacancy has existed in the commission for more than 60 days, a majority of the full commission may act with respect to any matter, including the issuance of a casino license or interim casino authorization.

L.1977, c. 110, § 72, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1980, c. 28, § 4, eff. May 20, 1980, oper. May 14, 1981.

L.1987, c. 409, § 2, eff. Jan. 14, 1988.

5:12-74 Minutes and records

a. The commission shall cause to be made and kept a record of all proceedings held at public meetings of the commission. A verbatim transcript of those proceedings shall be prepared by the commission upon the request of any commissioner or upon the request of any other person and the payment by that person of the costs of preparation. A copy of a transcript shall be made available to any person upon request and payment of the costs of preparing the copy.

A true copy of the minutes of every meeting of the commission and of any regulations finally adopted by the commission shall be forthwith delivered, by and under the certification of the executive secretary, to the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the General Assembly.

b. The commission shall keep and maintain a list of all applicants for licenses and registrations under this act together with a record of all actions taken with respect to such applicants, which file and record shall be open to public inspection; provided, however, that the foregoing information regarding any applicant whose license or registration has been denied, revoked, or not renewed shall be removed from such list after five years from the date of such action.

c. The commission shall maintain such other files and records as may be deemed desirable.

d. Except as provided in subsection h. of this section, all information and data required by the commission to be furnished hereunder, or which may otherwise be obtained, relative to the internal controls specified in section 99a. of this act or to the earnings or revenue of any applicant, registrant, or licensee shall be considered to be confidential and shall not be revealed in whole or in

part except in the course of the necessary administration of this act, or upon the lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or, with the approval of the Attorney General, to a duly authorized law enforcement agency.

e. All information and data pertaining to an applicant's criminal record, family, and background furnished to or obtained by the commission from any source shall be considered confidential and shall be withheld in whole or in part, except that any information shall be released upon the lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction or, with the approval of the Attorney General, to a duly authorized law enforcement agency.

f. Notice of the contents of any information or data released, except to a duly authorized law enforcement agency pursuant to subsection d. or e. of this section, shall be given to any applicant, registrant, or licensee in a manner prescribed by the rules and regulations adopted by the commission.

g. Files, records, reports and other information in the possession of the New Jersey Division of Taxation pertaining to licensees shall be made available to the commission and the division as may be necessary to the effective administration of this act.

h. The following information to be reported periodically to the commission by a casino licensee shall not be considered confidential and shall be made available for public inspection:

(1) A licensee's gross revenue from all authorized games as herein defined, and its gross revenue from simulcast wagering;

(2)(a) The dollar amount of patron checks initially accepted by a licensee, (b) the dollar amount of patron checks deposited to the licensee's bank account, (c) the dollar amount of such checks initially dishonored by the bank and returned to the licensee as "uncollected," and (d) the dollar amount ultimately uncollected after all reasonable efforts;

(3) The amount of gross revenue tax or investment alternative tax actually paid and the amount of investment, if any, required and allowed, pursuant to section 144 of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-144) and section 3 of

P.L.1984, c. 218 (C. 5:12-144.1);

(4) A list of the premises and the nature of improvements, costs thereof and the payees for all such improvements, which were the subject of an investment required and allowed pursuant to section 144 of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-144) and section 3 of P.L.1984, c. 218 (C. 5:12-144.1);

(5) The amount, if any, of tax in lieu of full local real property tax paid pursuant to section 146, and the amount of profits, if any, recaptured pursuant to section 147;

(6) A list of the premises, nature of improvements and costs thereof which constitute the cumulative investments by which a licensee has recaptured profits pursuant to section 147; and

(7) All quarterly and annual financial statements presenting historical data which are submitted to the commission, including all annual financial statements which have been audited by an independent certified public accountant licensed to practice in the State of New Jersey.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit access by the public to those forms and documents required to be filed pursuant to Article 11 of this act.

L.1977, c. 110, § 74, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1981, c. 503, § 7, eff. Feb. 15, 1982.

L.1984, c. 218, § 1, eff. Dec. 19, 1984.

L.1987, c. 354, § 8, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1987, c. 410, § 5, eff. Jan. 14, 1988.

L.1991, c. 182, § 18, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1993, c. 292, § 10, eff. Dec. 21, 1993.

5:12-75 Powers not enumerated

The commission may exercise any proper power or authority necessary to perform the duties assigned to it by law, and no specific enumeration of powers in this act shall be read to limit the authority of the commission to administer

this act.

L.1977, c. 110, § 75, eff. June 2, 1977.