ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 535-COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE STATE GAMING CONTROL BOARD)

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises various provisions pertaining to gaming. (BDR 41-591)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to gaming; revising the provisions governing which persons are required to register as gaming employees; providing that foreign limited-liability companies and foreign limited partnerships may obtain state gaming licenses; revising the provisions governing the acquisition or disposition of certain interests in limited-liability companies and limited partnerships; prohibiting certain acts involving counterfeit wagering instruments and counterfeit promotional items; making various other changes pertaining to gaming; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Independent agents who reside in Nevada are currently required to register as independent agents pursuant to the regulations adopted by the Nevada Gaming Commission and are additionally required to register as gaming employees pursuant to statute, whereas independent agents who reside outside Nevada are required only to register as independent agents. (NRS 463.335; Regulation 25 of the Nevada Gaming Commission) **Sections 1-5** of this bill remove the requirement that independent agents who reside in Nevada must register as gaming employees. **Section 1** also provides that persons involved in the process of registration of gaming employees and persons directly involved in the manufacture, repair or distribution of gaming devices and other systems and equipment must be registered as gaming employees.





Sections 6-8, 10 and 13 of this bill revise existing law to allow foreign limited-liability companies and limited partnerships to obtain state gaming licenses. (NRS 463.564, 463.5731)

Sections 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of this bill require holding companies for limited-liability companies and limited partnerships to seek administrative approval for the acquisition or disposition of certain interests in such entities. Existing law is also amended to provide that such acquisitions or dispositions are void if not approved as required, rather than ineffective. (NRS 463.5665, 463.567, 463.57325, 463.5733)

Section 16 of this bill makes the provisions concerning unsuitable and unlicensed persons associated with certain business entities consistent with other statutory provisions by expressly stating that such persons may not receive remuneration, enter into a contract or be employed by any licensee or affiliate of a licensee. (NRS 463.165, 463.166, 463.645)

Sections 17 and 19 of this bill provide that persons in Nevada may place parimutuel wagers on horse racing in other states and foreign countries where such wagering is legal.

Section 18 of this bill amends the existing prohibition against the use of counterfeit wagering instruments to make unlawful the possession, sale or manufacture of such counterfeit wagering instruments. (NRS 465.080) **Section 18** also prohibits the possession, use, sale or manufacture of counterfeit promotional items.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 463.0157 is hereby amended to read as follows:

463.0157 1. "Gaming employee" means any person connected directly with an operator of a slot route, the operator of a pari-mutuel system, the operator of an inter-casino linked system or a manufacturer, distributor or disseminator, or with the operation of a gaming establishment licensed to conduct any game, 16 or more slot machines, a race book, sports pool or pari-mutuel wagering, including:

- (a) Accounting or internal auditing personnel who are directly involved in any recordkeeping or the examination of records associated with revenue from gaming;
 - (b) Boxmen;
 - (c) Cashiers;
 - (d) Change personnel;
- (e) Counting room personnel;
- 17 (f) Dealers;

- (g) Employees of a person required by NRS 464.010 to be licensed to operate an off-track pari-mutuel system;
- (h) Employees of a person required by NRS 463.430 to be licensed to disseminate information concerning racing;
 - (i) Employees [of manufacturers or distributors of gaming equipment within this State] whose duties are directly involved with





the manufacture, repair or distribution of gaming devices, cashless wagering systems, mobile gaming systems, equipment associated with mobile gaming systems, interactive gaming systems or equipment associated with interactive gaming;

- (i) Employees of operators of slot routes who have keys for slot machines or who accept and transport revenue from the slot drop;
- (k) Employees of operators of inter-casino linked systems, mobile gaming systems or interactive gaming systems whose duties include the operational or supervisory control of the systems or the games that are part of the systems;
- (1) Employees whose responsibilities include performing the duties relating to the process of registration of gaming employees that a licensee is required to perform pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto;
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 $\frac{(m)}{(n)}$ (n) Hosts or other persons empowered to extend credit or complimentary services;

(n) (o) Keno runners: (p) Keno writers;

[(p)] (q) Machine mechanics:

 $\frac{[(q)]}{(r)}$ Odds makers and line setters:

(r) (s) Security personnel;

(s) (t) Shift or pit bosses;

 $\frac{[(t)]}{(u)}$ Shills; 24

 $\frac{(u)}{(v)}$ Supervisors or managers; 25 26

(w) Ticket writers; and

(x) Employees of a person required by NRS 463.160 to be licensed to operate an information service.

"Gaming employee" does not include bartenders, cocktail waitresses or other persons engaged exclusively in preparing or serving food or beverages.

Sec. 2. NRS 463.01858 is hereby amended to read as follows:

463.01858 "Registered as a gaming employee" means authorized to be employed as a gaming employee in this State. For to serve as an independent agent.]

Sec. 3. NRS 463.01955 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Temporarily registered as a gaming employee" 463.01955 means authorized to be employed as a gaming employee in this State [or serve as an independent agent] from the date of submitting a complete application for registration or renewal of registration for a period not to exceed 120 days following receipt of the complete application by the Board, including classifiable fingerprints, unless otherwise suspended.





Sec. 4. NRS 463.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:

463.335 1. The Legislature finds that, to protect and promote the health, safety, morals, good order and general welfare of the inhabitants of the State of Nevada and to carry out the policy declared in NRS 463.0129, it is necessary that the Board:

- (a) Ascertain and keep itself informed of the identity, prior activities and present location of all gaming employees and independent agents in the State of Nevada; and
 - (b) Maintain confidential records of such information.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, al A person may not be employed as a gaming employee for serve as an independent agent] unless he is temporarily registered or registered as a gaming employee pursuant to this section. An applicant for registration or renewal of registration as a gaming employee must file an application for registration or renewal of registration with the Board. Whenever a registered gaming employee, whose registration has not expired, has not been objected to by the Board, or has not been suspended or revoked becomes employed as a gaming employee at another or additional gaming establishment, he must file a change of employment notice within 10 days with the Board. The application for registration and change of employment notice must be filed through the licensee for whom the applicant will commence or continue working as a gaming employee, unless otherwise filed with the Board as prescribed by regulation of the Commission.
- 3. The Board shall prescribe the forms for the application for registration as a gaming employee and the change of employment notice.
- 4. [An independent agent is not required to be registered as a gaming employee if he is not a resident of this State and has registered with the Board in accordance with the provisions of the regulations adopted by the Commission.
- 5.] A complete application for registration or renewal of registration as a gaming employee or a change of employment notice received by a licensee must be mailed or delivered to the Board within 5 business days [of] after receipt unless the date is administratively extended by the Chairman of the Board for good cause. A licensee is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any application for registration or renewal of registration as a gaming employee or any change of employment notice.
- [6.] 5. The Board shall immediately conduct an investigation of each person who files an application for registration or renewal of registration as a gaming employee to determine whether he is eligible for registration as a gaming employee. In conducting the





investigation, two complete sets of the applicant's fingerprints must be submitted to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for:

(a) A report concerning the criminal history of the applicant; and

(b) Submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a report concerning the criminal history of the applicant.

→ The investigation need not be limited solely to consideration of the results of the report concerning the criminal history of the applicant. The fee for processing an application for registration or renewal of registration as a gaming employee may be charged only to cover the actual investigative and administrative costs related to processing the application and the fees charged by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to process the fingerprints of an applicant pursuant to this subsection.

[7.] 6. Upon receipt of a change of employment notice, the Board may conduct any investigations of the gaming employee that the Board deems appropriate to determine whether the gaming employee may remain registered as a gaming employee. The filing of a change of employment notice constitutes an application for registration as a gaming employee, and if the Board, after conducting its investigation, suspends or objects to the continued registration of the gaming employee, the provisions of subsections [11 to 17,] 10 to 16, inclusive, apply to such suspension by or objection of the Board. No fee may be charged by the Board to cover the actual investigative and administrative costs related to processing a change of employment notice.

[8.] 7. Except as otherwise prescribed by regulation of the Commission, an applicant for registration or renewal of registration as a gaming employee is deemed temporarily registered as a gaming employee as of the date a complete application for registration or renewal of registration is submitted to the licensee for which he will commence or continue working as a gaming employee. Unless objected to by the Board or suspended or revoked, the initial registration of an applicant as a gaming employee expires 5 years after the date employment commences with the applicable licensee. For, in the case of an independent agent, 5 years after the date he contracts with an applicable licensee. Any subsequent renewal of registration as a gaming employee, unless objected to by the Board or suspended or revoked, expires 5 years after the expiration date of the most recent registration or renewal of registration of the gaming employee.

[9.] 8. If, within 120 days after receipt by the Board of a complete application for registration or renewal of registration as a gaming employee, including classifiable fingerprints, or a change of





employment notice, the Board has not notified the applicable licensee of any suspension or objection, the applicant shall be deemed to be registered as a gaming employee. A complete application for registration or renewal of registration as a gaming employee is composed of:

(a) The fully completed form for application for registration as a gaming employee prescribed in subsection 3;

(b) Two complete sets of the fingerprints of the applicant, unless directly forwarded electronically or by another means to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History;

- (c) The fee for processing the application for registration or renewal of registration as a gaming employee prescribed by the Board pursuant to subsection [6,] 5, unless otherwise prescribed by regulation of the Commission; and
- (d) A completed statement as prescribed in subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 463.3351.
- → If the Board determines after receiving an application for registration or renewal of registration as a gaming employee that the application is incomplete, the Board may suspend the temporary registration as a gaming employee of the applicant who filed the incomplete application. An applicant whose temporary registration is suspended shall not be eligible to work as a gaming employee until such time as he files a complete application.
- [10.] 9. A person who is temporarily registered or registered as a gaming employee is eligible for employment in any licensed gaming establishment in this State until such registration is objected to by the Board, expires or is suspended or revoked. The Commission shall adopt regulations to:
- (a) Establish uniform procedures for the registration of gaming employees;
- (b) Establish uniform criteria for objection by the Board of an application for registration; and
- (c) Provide for the creation and maintenance of a system of records that contain information regarding the current place of employment of each person who is registered as a gaming employee and each person whose registration as a gaming employee has expired, was objected to by the Board, or was suspended or revoked. The system of records must be accessible by:
- (1) Licensees for the limited purpose of complying with subsection 2; and
- (2) The Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for the limited purpose of complying with NRS 179D.570.
- [11.] 10. If the Board, within the 120-day period prescribed in subsection [9,] 8, notifies:
 - (a) The applicable licensee; and





(b) The applicant,

→ that the Board suspends or objects to the temporary registration of an applicant as a gaming employee, the licensee shall immediately terminate the applicant from employment or reassign him to a position that does not require registration as a gaming employee. The notice of suspension or objection by the Board which is sent to the applicant must include a statement of the facts upon which the Board relied in making its suspension or objection.

[12.] 11. Any person whose application for registration or renewal of registration as a gaming employee has been suspended or objected to by the Board may, not later than 60 days after receiving notice of the suspension or objection, apply to the Board for a hearing. A failure of a person whose application has been objected to or suspended to apply for a hearing within 60 days or his failure to appear at a hearing of the Board conducted pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be an admission that the suspension or objection is well-founded, and the failure precludes administrative or judicial review. At the hearing, the Board shall take any testimony deemed necessary. After the hearing, the Board shall review the testimony taken and any other evidence, and shall, within 45 days after the date of the hearing, mail to the applicant its decision sustaining or reversing the suspension or the objection to the registration of the applicant as a gaming employee.

[13.] 12. The Board may suspend or object to the registration of an applicant as a gaming employee for any cause deemed reasonable by the Board. The Board may object to or suspend the registration if the applicant has:

- (a) Failed to disclose or misstated information or otherwise attempted to mislead the Board with respect to any material fact contained in the application for registration as a gaming employee;
- (b) Knowingly failed to comply with the provisions of this chapter or chapter 463B, 464 or 465 of NRS or the regulations of the Commission at a place of previous employment;
- (c) Committed, attempted or conspired to commit any crime of moral turpitude, embezzlement or larceny or any violation of any law pertaining to gaming, or any crime which is inimical to the declared policy of this State concerning gaming;
- (d) Committed, attempted or conspired to commit a crime which is a felony or gross misdemeanor in this State or an offense in another state or jurisdiction which would be a felony or gross misdemeanor if committed in this State and which relates to the applicant's suitability or qualifications to work as a gaming employee;





- (e) Been identified in the published reports of any federal or state legislative or executive body as being a member or associate of organized crime, or as being of notorious and unsavory reputation;
- (f) Been placed and remains in the constructive custody of any federal, state or municipal law enforcement authority; or
- (g) Had registration as a gaming employee revoked or committed any act which is a ground for the revocation of registration as a gaming employee or would have been a ground for revoking registration as a gaming employee if the applicant had then been registered as a gaming employee.
- → If the Board registers or does not suspend or object to the registration of an applicant as a gaming employee, it may specially limit the period for which the registration is valid, limit the job classifications for which the registered gaming employee may be employed and establish such individual conditions for the renewal and effectiveness of the registration as the Board deems appropriate, including required submission to unscheduled tests for the presence of alcohol or controlled substances.
- [14.] 13. Any applicant aggrieved by the decision of the Board may, within 15 days after the announcement of the decision, apply in writing to the Commission for review of the decision. Review is limited to the record of the proceedings before the Board. The Commission may sustain, modify or reverse the Board's decision. The decision of the Commission is subject to judicial review pursuant to NRS 463.315 to 463.318, inclusive.
- [15.] 14. The Chairman of the Board may designate a member of the Board or the Board may appoint a hearing examiner and authorize that person to perform on behalf of the Board any of the following functions required of the Board by this section concerning the registration or renewal of registration of gaming employees:
 - (a) Conducting a hearing and taking testimony;
- (b) Reviewing the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing;
- (c) Making a recommendation to the Board based upon the testimony and evidence or rendering a decision on behalf of the Board to sustain or reverse the suspension of or the objection to the registration of an applicant as a gaming employee; and
 - (d) Notifying the applicant of the decision.
- [16.] 15. Notice by the Board as provided pursuant to subsections 1 to [15,] 14, inclusive, is sufficient if it is mailed to the applicant's last known address as indicated on the application for registration as a gaming employee or the record of the hearing, as the case may be. The date of mailing may be proven by a certificate signed by an officer or employee of the Board which specifies the time the notice was mailed. The notice shall be deemed to have been





received by the applicant 5 days after it is deposited with the United States Postal Service with the postage thereon prepaid.

[17.] 16. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all records acquired or compiled by the Board or Commission relating to any application made pursuant to this section, all lists of persons registered as gaming employees, all lists of persons suspended or objected to by the Board and all records of the names or identity of persons engaged in the gaming industry in this State are confidential and must not be disclosed except in the proper administration of this chapter or to an authorized law enforcement agency. Upon receipt of a request from the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 425.400 for information relating to a specific person who has applied for registration as a gaming employee or is registered as a gaming employee, the Board shall disclose to the Division his social security number, residential address and current employer as that information is listed in the files and records of the Board. Any record of the Board or Commission which shows that the applicant has been convicted of a crime in another state must show whether the crime was a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, felony or other class of crime as classified by the state in which the crime was committed. In a disclosure of the conviction, reference to the classification of the crime must be based on the classification in the state where it was committed.

[18.] 17. If the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History, in accordance with the provisions of NRS 179D.570, provides the Board with the name and other identifying information of a registered gaming employee who is not in compliance with the provisions of chapter 179D of NRS, the Board shall notify the person that, unless he provides the Board with verifiable documentation confirming that he is currently in compliance with the provisions of chapter 179D of NRS within 15 days after receipt of such notice, the Board shall, notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, conduct a hearing for the purpose of determining whether the registration of the person as a gaming employee must be suspended for noncompliance with the provisions of chapter 179D of NRS.

[19.] 18. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, if a person notified by the Board pursuant to subsection [18] 17 does not provide the Board, within the 15 days prescribed therein, with verifiable documentation establishing that he is currently in compliance with the provisions of chapter 179D of NRS, the Chairman of the Board shall, within 10 days thereof, appoint a hearing examiner to conduct a hearing to determine whether the person is, in fact, not in compliance with the provisions of chapter





179D of NRS. The hearing examiner shall, within 5 days after the date he is appointed by the Chairman, notify the person of the date of the hearing. The hearing must be held within 20 days after the date on which the hearing examiner is appointed by the Chairman, unless administratively extended by the Chairman for good cause. At the hearing, the hearing examiner may take any testimony deemed necessary and shall render a decision sustaining or reversing the findings of the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History. The hearing examiner shall notify the person of his decision within 5 days after the date on which the decision is rendered. A failure of a person to appear at a hearing conducted pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be an admission that the findings of the hearing examiner are well-founded.

[20.] 19. If, after conducting the hearing prescribed in subsection [19.] 18, the hearing examiner renders a decision that the person who is the subject of the hearing:

- (a) Is not in compliance with the provisions of chapter 179D of NRS, the Board shall, notwithstanding any other provisions of this section:
- (1) Suspend the registration of the person as a gaming employee;
- (2) Notify the person to contact the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History to determine the actions that he must take to be in compliance with the provisions of chapter 179D of NRS; and
- (3) Notify the licensee for which the person is employed as a gaming employee, in the manner prescribed in subsection [21,] 20, that the Board has suspended the registration of the person as a gaming employee and that the licensee must immediately terminate the person from employment or reassign him to a position that does not require registration as a gaming employee.
- (b) Is in compliance with the provisions of chapter 179D of NRS, the Board shall notify the person and the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History, in the manner prescribed in subsection [21,] 20, of the findings of the hearing examiner.

[21.] 20. Notice as provided pursuant to subsections [18, 19 and 20] 17, 18 and 19 is sufficient if it is mailed to the person's last known address as indicated on the most recent application for registration as a gaming employee or the record of the hearing, or to the person at his place of gaming employment. The date of mailing may be proven by a certificate signed by an officer or employee of the Board which specifies the time the notice was mailed. The notice shall be deemed to have been received by the applicant 5 days after it is deposited with the United States Postal Service with the postage thereon prepaid.





[22.] 21. The Board shall remove a suspension entered in accordance with subsection [20] 19 and reinstate the registration of a person as a gaming employee upon receipt of verifiable documentation confirming that the person is currently in compliance with the provisions of chapter 179D of NRS.

Sec. 5. NRS 463.337 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 463.337 1. If any gaming employee [or independent agent,] who is registered as a gaming employee with the Board [1] is convicted of any violation of this chapter or chapter 463B, 464 or 465 of NRS, or if in investigating an alleged violation of this chapter by any licensee the Commission finds that a registered gaming employee employed by [or a registered independent agent contracting with] the licensee has been guilty of cheating, the Commission shall, after a hearing as provided in NRS 463.310 and 463.312 to 463.3145, inclusive, revoke the registration.
- 2. The Commission may revoke the registration of a gaming employee [or independent agent] if the Commission finds, after a hearing as provided in NRS 463.310 and 463.312 to 463.3145, inclusive, that the gaming employee [or independent agent] has failed to disclose, misstated or otherwise misled the Board in respect to any fact contained within any application for registration as a gaming employee or, subsequent to being registered as a gaming employee:
- (a) Committed, attempted or conspired to do any of the acts prohibited by this chapter or chapter 463B, 464 or 465 of NRS;
- (b) Knowingly possessed or permitted to remain in or upon any licensed premises any cards, dice, mechanical device or any other cheating device whatever, the use of which is prohibited by statute or ordinance;
- (c) Concealed or refused to disclose any material fact in any investigation by the Board;
- (d) Committed, attempted or conspired to commit larceny or embezzlement against a gaming licensee or upon the premises of a licensed gaming establishment;
- (e) Been convicted in any jurisdiction other than Nevada of any offense involving or relating to gambling;
- (f) Accepted employment without prior Commission approval in a position for which he could be required to be licensed under this chapter after having been denied a license for a reason involving personal unsuitability or after failing to apply for licensing when requested to do so by the Commission;
- (g) Been refused the issuance of any license, permit or approval to engage in or be involved with gaming or pari-mutuel wagering in any jurisdiction other than Nevada, or had any such license, permit or approval revoked or suspended;





- (h) Been prohibited under color of governmental authority from being present upon the premises of any gaming establishment or any establishment where pari-mutuel wagering is conducted for any reason relating to improper gambling activities or any illegal act;
- (i) Contumaciously defied any legislative committee or other officially constituted bodies acting on behalf of the United States or any state, county or municipality which seeks to investigate crimes relating to gaming, corruption of public officials, or any organized criminal activities; or
- (i) Been convicted of any felony or gross misdemeanor, other than one constituting a violation of this chapter or chapter 463B, 464 or 465 of NRS.
- 3. A gaming employee for independent agent whose registration as a gaming employee has been revoked pursuant to this section is entitled to judicial review of the Commission's action in the manner prescribed by NRS 463.315 to 463.318, inclusive.
- Nothing in this section limits or prohibits the enforcement of NRS 463.165, 463.560, 463.595, 463.637 or 463.645.
 - **Sec. 6.** NRS 463.4862 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- "Limited-liability company" means a limited-liability 463.4862 company organized and existing pursuant to the provisions of chapter 86 of NRS ... or formed under the laws of any jurisdiction other than this State.
 - **Sec. 7.** NRS 463.4864 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 463.4864 "Limited partnership" means a partnership formed by two or more persons pursuant to the terms of chapter 88 of NRS or the laws of any state other than this State, having as members one or more general partners and one or more limited partners.
- Sec. 8. NRS 463.4865 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 30 463.4865 "Limited partnership interest" means the right of a 31 general or limited partner to receive from a limited partnership: 32
 - 1. A share of the profits;
 - Any other compensation by way of income; or
 - A return of any or all of his contribution to capital of the limited partnership,
 - → or the right to exercise any of the rights or powers provided in chapter 88 of NRS : or the laws of any state other than this State, whether directly or indirectly.
 - **Sec. 9.** NRS 463.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 463.505 The purported granting of an option to purchase any security issued by a corporation, other than a publicly traded corporation, which holds a state gaming license H or which is a holding company for an entity that holds a state gaming license or the purported sale, assignment, transfer, pledge or other disposition



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of an existing option to acquire such a security is void unless administratively approved in advance by the Chairman of the Board.

- 2. A request for administrative approval pursuant to subsection 1 must:
- (a) Be made on forms approved by the Chairman of the Board; and
- (b) To the extent consistent with this section, be considered in all respects as an application.
- 3. The Chairman of the Board may refer a request for administrative approval to the Board and Commission for consideration or deny the request for administrative approval for any reasonable cause. A denial may be submitted for review by the Board and Commission in the manner set forth by the regulations of the Commission pertaining to the review of administrative approval decisions.
- 4. The Commission, upon recommendation by the Board, may require a person to apply for a finding of suitability to hold an option to purchase such a security.
 - **Sec. 10.** NRS 463.564 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 463.564 In order to be eligible to receive a state gaming license, a limited partnership shall:
 - 1. Be formed under the laws of this State;
- 23 2.] Maintain an office of the limited partnership on the licensed premises;
 - [3.] 2. Comply with all of the requirements of the laws of this State pertaining to limited partnerships; and
 - [4.] 3. Maintain a ledger in the principal office of the limited partnership in this State, which must:
 - (a) At all times reflect the ownership of all interests in the limited partnership; and
 - (b) Be available for inspection by the Board, Commission and their authorized agents, at all reasonable times without notice.
 - **Sec. 11.** NRS 463.5665 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 463.5665 1. The purported granting of an option to purchase any interest in a limited partnership which holds a state gaming license or which is a holding company for an entity that holds a state gaming license or the purported sale, assignment, transfer, pledge or other disposition of an existing option to acquire such an interest is [ineffective] void unless administratively approved in advance by the Chairman of the Board.
- 41 2. A request for administrative approval pursuant to subsection 42 1 must:
 - (a) Be made on forms approved by the Chairman of the Board;





- (b) To the extent consistent with this section, be considered in all respects as an application.
- 3. The Chairman of the Board may refer a request for administrative approval to the Board and Commission for consideration or deny the request for administrative approval for any reasonable cause. A denial may be submitted for review by the Board and Commission in the manner set forth by the regulations of the Commission pertaining to the review of administrative approval decisions.
- 4. The Commission, upon recommendation by the Board, may require a person to apply for a finding of suitability to hold an option to purchase such an interest.
 - **Sec. 12.** NRS 463.567 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 463.567 1. The purported sale, assignment, transfer, pledge, exercise of an option to purchase, or other disposition of any interest in a limited partnership which holds a state gaming license *or which* is a holding company for an entity that holds a state gaming license is [ineffective] void unless approved in advance by the Commission.
- 2. If at any time the Commission finds that an individual owner of any such interest is unsuitable to hold that interest, the Commission shall immediately notify the limited partnership of that fact. The limited partnership shall, within 10 days [from] after the date that it receives the notice from the Commission, return to the unsuitable owner, in cash, the amount of his capital account as reflected on the books of the partnership.
- 3. Beginning on the date when the Commission serves notice of a determination of unsuitability pursuant to subsection 2 upon the limited partnership, it is unlawful for the unsuitable owner:
- (a) To receive any share of the profits or interest upon any limited partnership interest;
- (b) To exercise, directly or through any trustee or nominee, any voting right conferred by such interest; or
- (c) To receive any remuneration in any form from the limited partnership, for services rendered or otherwise.
- 4. The certificate of limited partnership of any limited partnership holding a state gaming license must contain a statement of the restrictions imposed by this section.
 - **Sec. 13.** NRS 463.5731 is hereby amended to read as follows: 463.5731 In order to be eligible to receive a license, a limited-

41 liability company must:

- 1. Be formed under the laws of this State;
- 2.] Maintain an office of the limited-liability company on the licensed premises;





- [3.] 2. Comply with all of the requirements of the laws of this State pertaining to limited-liability companies; and
- [4.] 3. Maintain a ledger in the principal office of the limited-liability company in this State, which must:
- (a) At all times reflect the ownership of all interests in the limited-liability company; and
- (b) Be available for inspection by the Board, Commission and their authorized agents, at all reasonable times without notice.
- **Sec. 14.** NRS 463.57325 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 463.57325 1. The purported granting of an option to purchase any interest in a limited-liability company which holds a state gaming license or which is a holding company for an entity that holds a state gaming license or the purported sale, assignment, transfer, pledge or other disposition of an existing option to acquire such an interest is [ineffective] void unless administratively approved in advance by the Chairman of the Board.
- 2. A request for administrative approval pursuant to subsection 1 must:
- 20 (a) Be made on forms approved by the Chairman of the Board;
 - (b) To the extent consistent with this section, be considered in all respects as an application.
 - 3. The Chairman of the Board may refer a request for administrative approval to the Board and Commission for consideration or deny the request for administrative approval for any reasonable cause. A denial may be submitted for review by the Board and Commission in the manner set forth by the regulations of the Commission pertaining to the review of administrative approval decisions.
 - 4. The Commission, upon recommendation by the Board, may require a person to apply for a finding of suitability to hold an option to purchase such an interest.
 - **Sec. 15.** NRS 463.5733 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 463.5733 1. The purported sale, assignment, transfer, pledge, exercise of an option to purchase, or other disposition of any interest in a limited-liability company which holds a state gaming license or which is a holding company for an entity that holds a state gaming license is [ineffective] void unless approved in advance by the Commission.
 - 2. If at any time the Commission finds that a member is unsuitable to hold an interest in a limited-liability company, the Commission shall immediately notify the limited-liability company of that fact. The limited-liability company shall, within 10 days after it receives the notice from the Commission, return to the member, in





cash, the amount of his capital account as reflected on the books of the company.

- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, beginning on the date when the Commission serves notice of a determination of unsuitability pursuant to subsection 2 upon the limited-liability company, it is unlawful for the unsuitable member:
- (a) To receive any share of the distribution of profits of the limited-liability company or any payments upon dissolution of the company;
- (b) To exercise any voting right conferred by the member's interest in the limited-liability company;
- (c) To participate in the management of the limited-liability company; or
- (d) To receive any remuneration in any form from the limitedliability company, for services rendered or otherwise.
- 4. The articles of organization of any limited-liability company holding a state gaming license must contain a statement of the restrictions imposed by this section.

Sec. 16. NRS 463.645 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 463.645 1. If any person who is required by or pursuant to this chapter to be licensed or found suitable because of his connection with a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited-liability company or other business organization holding a license, or a holding company or intermediary company, including a publicly traded corporation, fails to apply for a license or a finding of suitability after being requested to do so by the Commission or is denied a license or a finding of suitability, or if his license or finding of suitability is revoked, and his name has been placed on the list maintained pursuant to subsection 8 of NRS 463.165, the corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited-liability company, business organization, holding company, intermediary company or any person who directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited-liability company, business organization, holding company or intermediary company shall not, and any licensee or an affiliate of the licensee shall not, after receipt of written notice from the Commission:
- (a) Pay him any remuneration for any service relating to the activities of a licensee, except for amounts due for services rendered before the date of receipt of notice of such action by the Commission. Any contract or agreement for personal services or the conduct of any activity at a licensed gaming establishment between a former employee whose employment was terminated because of failure to apply for a license or a finding of suitability, denial of a license or finding of suitability, or revocation of a license or a



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finding of suitability, or any business enterprise under the control of that employee and the licensee, holding or intermediary company or registered publicly traded corporation is subject to termination. Every such agreement shall be deemed to include a provision for its 5 termination without liability on the part of the licensee upon a finding by the Commission that the business or any person 7 associated therewith is unsuitable to be associated with a gaming enterprise. Failure expressly to include such a condition in the agreement is not a defense in any action brought pursuant to this 10 section to terminate the agreement.

- (b) Enter into any contract or agreement with him or with a business organization that the licensee knows or under the circumstances reasonably should know is under his control which involves the operations of a licensee, without the prior approval of the Commission.
- (c) Employ him in any position involving the activities of a licensee without prior approval of the Commission.
- 2. The name of any person who has been denied a license, been found unsuitable or had a license or finding of suitability revoked pursuant to subsection 1 must be included on the list required pursuant to subsection 8 of NRS 463.165.

Sec. 17. NRS 464.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 464.020 1. The Nevada Gaming Commission is charged with the administration of this chapter for the protection of the public and in the public interest.
- The Nevada Gaming Commission may issue licenses permitting the conduct of the pari-mutuel system of wagering, including off-track pari-mutuel wagering, and may adopt, amend and repeal regulations relating to the conduct of such wagering.
- The wagering must be conducted only by the licensee at the times determined by the Nevada Gaming Commission and only:
- (a) Within the enclosure wherein the race or other sporting event which is the subject of the wagering occurs; or
- (b) Within a licensed gaming establishment which has been approved to conduct off-track pari-mutuel wagering.
- → This subsection does not prohibit a person licensed to accept, pursuant to regulations adopted by the Nevada Gaming Commission, off-track pari-mutuel wagers from accepting wagers made by wire communication from patrons within the State of Nevada, from other states in which such wagering is legal or from places outside the United States in which such wagering is legal. This subsection does not prohibit a patron within the State of Nevada from placing off-track pari-mutuel wagers by wire
- 44 communication in other states in which such wagering is legal or
- 45 in places outside the United States in which such wagering is



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legal, if such wagers are placed in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the state or place outside the United States.

- 4. The regulations of the Nevada Gaming Commission may include, without limitation:
- (a) Requiring fingerprinting of an applicant or licensee, or other method of identification.
- (b) Requiring information concerning an applicant's antecedents, habits and character.
- (c) Prescribing the method and form of application which any applicant for a license issued pursuant to this chapter must follow and complete before consideration of his application by the Nevada Gaming Commission.
- (d) Prescribing the permissible communications technology and requiring the implementation of border control technology that will ensure that a person cannot place a wager with a race book in this State from another state or another location where placing such a wager is illegal.
- 5. The Nevada Gaming Commission may appoint an Off-Track Pari-Mutuel Wagering Committee consisting of 11 persons who are licensed to engage in off-track pari-mutuel wagering. If the Commission appoints such a Committee, it shall appoint to the Committee:
- (a) Five members from a list of nominees provided by the State Association of Gaming Establishments whose members collectively paid the most gross revenue fees to the State pursuant to NRS 463.370 in the preceding year;
- (b) Three members who, in the preceding year, paid gross revenue fees pursuant to NRS 463.370 in an amount that was less than the average amount of gross revenue fees paid by licensees engaged in off-track pari-mutuel wagering in the preceding year; and
 - (c) Three other members.
- if a vacancy occurs in a position on the Committee for any reason, including, but not limited to, termination of a member, the Commission shall appoint a successor member who satisfies the same criteria in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) that applied to the member whose position has been vacated.
- 6. If the Nevada Gaming Commission appoints an Off-Track Pari-Mutuel Wagering Committee pursuant to subsection 5, the Commission shall:
- (a) Grant to the Off-Track Pari-Mutuel Wagering Committee the exclusive right to negotiate an agreement relating to off-track parimutuel wagering with:





- (1) A person who is licensed or otherwise permitted to operate a wagering pool in another state; and
- (2) A person who is licensed pursuant to chapter 464 of NRS as an operator of a system.
- (b) Require the Off-Track Pari-Mutuel Wagering Committee to grant to each person licensed pursuant to this chapter to operate an off-track pari-mutuel race pool the right to receive, on a fair and equitable basis, all services concerning wagering in such a race pool that the Committee has negotiated to bring into or provide within this State.
- 7. The Nevada Gaming Commission shall, and it is granted the power to, demand access to and inspect all books and records of any person licensed pursuant to this chapter pertaining to and affecting the subject of the license.
 - **Sec. 18.** NRS 465.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 465.080 1. It is unlawful for any licensee, employee or other person, not a duly authorized employee of a licensee acting in furtherance of his employment within an establishment, to possess, use, sell or manufacture counterfeit chips, counterfeit debit instruments or other counterfeit wagering instruments in a gambling game, associated equipment or a cashless wagering system.
- 2. It is unlawful for any licensee, employee or other person, not a duly authorized employee of a licensee acting in furtherance of his employment within an establishment, to possess, use, sell or manufacture any counterfeit instruments, counterfeit tickets or other counterfeit items that are used to determine the outcome of any contest or promotional activity conducted by or on behalf of any licensee.
- 3. It is unlawful for any person, in playing or using any gambling game, associated equipment or cashless wagering system designed to be played with, receive or be operated by chips, tokens, wagering credits or other wagering instruments approved by the State Gaming Control Board or by lawful coin of the United States of America:
- (a) Knowingly to use other than chips, tokens, wagering credits or other wagering instruments approved by the State Gaming Control Board or lawful coin, legal tender of the United States of America, or to use coin or tokens not of the same denomination as the coin or tokens intended to be used in that gambling game, associated equipment or cashless wagering system; or
- (b) To use any device or means to violate the provisions of this chapter.
 - [3.] 4. It is unlawful for any person, not a duly authorized employee of a licensee acting in furtherance of his employment





within an establishment, to have on his person or in his possession on or off the premises of any licensed gaming establishment any device intended to be used to violate the provisions of this chapter.

[4.] 5. It is unlawful for any person, not a duly authorized employee of a licensee acting in furtherance of his employment within an establishment, to have on his person or in his possession on or off the premises of any licensed gaming establishment any key or device known to have been designed for the purpose of and suitable for opening, entering or affecting the operation of any gambling game, cashless wagering system or drop box, or any electronic or mechanical device connected thereto, or for removing money or other contents therefrom.

[5.] 6. It is unlawful for any person, not a duly authorized employee of a licensee acting in furtherance of his employment within an establishment, to have on his person or in his possession any paraphernalia for manufacturing slugs. As used in this subsection, "paraphernalia for manufacturing slugs" means the equipment, products and materials that are intended for use or designed for use in manufacturing, producing, fabricating, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, storing or concealing a counterfeit facsimile of the chips, tokens, debit instruments or other wagering instruments approved by the State Gaming Control Board or a lawful coin of the United States, the use of which is unlawful pursuant to subsection [2.] 3. The term includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Lead or lead alloys;
- (b) Molds, forms or similar equipment capable of producing a likeness of a gaming token or United States coin;
 - (c) Melting pots or other receptacles;
 - (d) Torches;

- (e) Tongs, trimming tools or other similar equipment; and
- (f) Equipment which can be reasonably demonstrated to manufacture facsimiles of debit instruments or wagering instruments approved by the State Gaming Control Board.
 - [6.] 7. Possession of more than one of the devices, equipment, products or materials described in this section permits a rebuttable inference that the possessor intended to use them for cheating.
 - **Sec. 19.** NRS 465.094 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 465.094 The provisions of NRS 465.092 and 465.093 do not apply to a wager placed by a person for his own benefit or, without compensation, for the benefit of another that is accepted or received by, placed with, or sent, transmitted or relayed to:
 - 1. A race book or sports pool that is licensed pursuant to chapter 463 of NRS, if the wager is accepted or received within this





State and otherwise complies with all other applicable laws and regulations concerning wagering;

- 2. A person who is licensed to engage in off-track pari-mutuel wagering pursuant to chapter 464 of NRS, if the wager is accepted or received within this State and otherwise complies with subsection 3 of NRS 464.020 and all other applicable laws and regulations concerning wagering;
- 3. A person who is licensed to accept off-track pari-mutuel horse race wagers in another state in which such wagering is legal or in a place outside the United States in which such wagering is legal, if such wagering complies with all applicable laws and regulations of the state or place outside the United States;
- 4. A person who is licensed to operate a mobile gaming system pursuant to chapter 463 of NRS, if the wager is accepted or received within this State and otherwise complies with all other applicable laws and regulations concerning wagering; or
- [4.] 5. Any other person or establishment that is licensed to engage in wagering pursuant to title 41 of NRS, if the wager is accepted or received within this State and otherwise complies with all other applicable laws and regulations concerning wagering.
- **Sec. 20.** 1. This section and section 18 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.
- 23 2. Sections 1 to 17, inclusive, and 19 of this act become 24 effective on July 1, 2007.





