

Unclaimed Gaming Property Presentation

Assembly Bill 219

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Information on T.I.T.O.

- T.I.T.O. stands for “ticket-in, ticket-out” machine
- These machines are generally newer technology in which slot machines no longer deal with coins, but instead with tickets.
- The player will enter cash and then redeem winnings on a printed, bar-coded ticket.
- The ticket can be inserted into another machine to continue playing, or can later be redeemed for cash from the casino.

Sample Wagering Instrument - TITO

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Carson City NV 89701

CASHOUT VOUCHER

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VALIDATION 53-4811-0450-0094-5201
03/08/2011 17:56:49 TICKET # 0094
ZERO DOLLARS AND ONE CENT

\$0.01

Ticket Void after 30 days ASSET# 11045

53-4811-0450-0094-5201

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CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Ticket must be redeemed within 30 days of being dispensed by machine. Any ticket not redeemed within 30 days of being dispensed by machine shall be void and shall not be accepted for payment. The player is responsible for checking the ticket for accuracy, including the date and amounts shown, and must immediately notify an attendant of any error. Tickets are void if illegible, altered, counterfeit, incomplete, produced in error, or fail any validation testing. ██████████ shall not be responsible for or in any way liable for any claims arising from or related to the issuance, validation, redemption or payment of lost, stolen, illegible, altered, counterfeit, incomplete, erroneous, invalid or multiple tickets. ██████████ shall be discharged from any and all liability of any claim arising from the redemption of the first ticket presented with bar code. ██████████ reserves the right to withhold validation and payment pending a determination whether the ticket has been stolen or lost.

Not responsible for lost or damaged tickets

What if a ticket is lost or unredeemed?

- Presently, if a player's ticket is lost or generally unredeemed, the money on the ticket will not be transferred, and will stay in the casino's funds.

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- This bill classifies unredeemed wagering instruments, such as T.I.T.O. tickets, as unclaimed property.
- In being designated as unclaimed property, after a certain amount of time the amount on the unredeemed ticket will escheat to the state, as it is presumed to be abandoned.
- “Wagering instruments” do not include chips, tokens, keno or sports book tickets.

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- Existing law prescribes that most monetary forms of unclaimed property already escheat to the state treasury.
- For example, as stated in Section 4 of NRS 120A.135:
 - “Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, property is presumed abandoned if it is unclaimed by the apparent owner during the time set forth below for the particular property:
 - A) A traveler’s check, 15 years after issuance;
 - B) A money order, 7 years after issuance, etc.

Used in other states?

- By regulation, Pennsylvania requires slot machine licensees to establish procedures to pay the value of unredeemed gaming vouchers exceeding \$25 to patrons that can be identified by the slot machine licensee, and to track unredeemed gaming vouchers and forward the unredeemed gaming vouchers to the Treasury Department.
- (Referred to as the Disposition of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Act)
- (58 PA Code Ch. 461a)
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New Jersey

- NJSA states:
 - “Gambling casino funds in amount of unredeemed gaming chips and slot machine tokens, which Casino Control Commission had held in its possession for period of at least one year, were "abandoned intangible property" subject to custodial escheat under Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. State v. Elsinore Shore Associates, 249 N.J.Super. 403, 592 A.2d 604 (A.D.1991).”

New Jersey

- *State v. Elsinore Shore Associates* states:
 - “We now hold that gambling casino funds in the amount of unredeemed gaming chips and slot machine tokens are abandoned intangible property subject to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (the Act), *N.J.S.A. 46:30B-1 et seq.*, and must therefore be paid to the State Treasurer for protective custody.”

Why AB 219?

- Wagering instruments, such as T.I.T.O. tickets represent a monetary transaction from the casino to the player, no different than a traveler's check or a money order.
- If customer of casino had left his car in the casino's parking lot, would the car become the casino's? No. It would be towed, and if unclaimed, auctioned, and then the money from the auction would escheat to the state treasury.
- Could help state funds.