



State Laws Applicable to the Gaming Board

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Adverse Interest Act

- Gaming Control Board subject to act under Section 1201 (L) of the Gaming Act.
- Prohibits state employees from having an adverse interest in contracts with the state agency with which they are employed.



Adverse Interest Act

- Adverse interest = a personal interest.
- Violations result in fines, penalties, forfeiture of employment.



Lobbying Disclosure Act

- Lobbyists who provide items of value that meet certain threshold amounts must disclose this on quarterly expense filings.
- Board members must disclose aggregate gifts of \$250 or more and reimbursements exceeding \$650 per single occurrence on Statements of Financial Interest.



Right-to-Know Law

- Applies to Board under Section 1206(A) of Gaming Act.
- Defines what records are public records and sets forth procedure for access.
- Provides *residents* of PA access to document based records *statutorily defined as public records*.



Right-to-Know Law

Public Records:

- Account, voucher, contract = fiscal aspects of government.
- Minute, order, decision = government actions impacting a person or group of people.



Right-to-Know Act

- Specifically exempts certain types of documents (i.e. investigatory, harmful to reputation or personal security, etc.).
- Sets forth specific timeframes and process for response to requests and appeals of denials.
- Board may designate a Right-to-Know official.



Procurement Code

- As an independent agency, Board is subject to Procurement Code.
- Governs the procurement of goods and services.
- Department of General Services will act as purchasing agent for the Board.



Ethics Act

- Applies to board members who are “public officials” under the Act.
- Restricts conduct:
 - Cannot engage in conduct constituting conflict of interest
 - Cannot seek improper influence
 - Cannot accept improper influence



Ethics Act

- Restricted Activity (con't.):
 - Cannot provide representation on matters before government body with which you are associated for one year after leaving employment
- Required to file Statement of Financial Interest
 - By May 1st for preceding calendar year



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Open Meetings Act “Sunshine Act”

- Board subject to Act under Section 1206 of Gaming Act.
- Official action or deliberations by a quorum of members of an agency must take place at a public meeting.
- Public notice of meetings required.



Open Meeting Act “Sunshine Act”

- Written minutes must be kept.
- Exceptions to open meetings:
 - Executive session
 - Personnel matters
 - Labor relations
 - Purchase or lease of property
 - Consultation with professional advisor
 - Privileged, confidential, investigatory and quasi-judicial matters
 - Conferences



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