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PA Gaming Control Board Levies \$60,000 Fine for Underage Gambling

HARRISBURG: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board today approved a fine of \$60,000 against Sugarhouse HSP Gaming, L.P., operator of Rivers Casino Philadelphia for underage gaming violations.

The fines were the result of Board approvals at its public meeting of consent agreements between the PGCB's Office of Enforcement Counsel and Sugarhouse HSP Gaming, L.P. following numerous incidents in which individuals under the age of 21 accessed the gaming floor:

- 1. A 20-year-old female gained access onto the gaming floor on four separate days and wagered at slot machines, table games and was served alcohol;
- 2. A 20-year-old male gained access onto the gaming floor, wagered at slot machines and stole a slot machines voucher belonging to another patron; and,
- 3. A 20-year-old male gained access onto the gaming floor and wagered at table games.

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2020 in the PGCB's Public Hearing Room located on the second floor of the Strawberry Square Complex in Harrisburg.

About the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is tasked to oversee all aspects of gambling legalized under 2004's Race Horse Development and Gaming Act and the Gaming Expansion Act of 2017. In addition to slot machine and table games gambling at land-based casinos, the expansion includes online casino games available to date on five sites; sports wagering offered through sportsbooks at 12 locations and through eight online outlets; video gaming terminals (VGTs) offered as of this date at 17 qualified truck stops; fantasy sports contests through eight providers; and, online games at airports.

The mature land-based casino industry in Pennsylvania currently consists of 10 stand-alone and racetrack casinos in operation, along with the two smaller resort casinos. These facilities collectively employ over 16,000 people and annually generate over \$1.3 billion in tax revenue from slot machine and table games play. Construction of a 13th casino is currently underway along with a number of new "mini-casinos" that are expected to begin operation over the next couple of years.

Additional information about both the PGCB's gaming regulatory efforts and Pennsylvania's gaming industry can be found at gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov. You can also follow the agency on Twitter by choosing @PAGamingControl.

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