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PA Gaming Control Board Takes Enforcement Actions on Video Gaming Terminal Operators

Board also denies statewide gambling privileges to 10 individuals

HARRISBURG, PA: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board ("Board") today took actions against three Video Gaming Terminal ("VGT") Establishments leading to fines totaling \$89,500 for two of those and the revocation of its operating license for the other.

The consent agreements were presented by the Board's Office of Enforcement Counsel ("OEC") and outline the facts about incidents that occurred at two VGT locations, both owned by Raceway Management Company, Inc., which operates convenience stores in Gibson and Lake Ariel. The fines were the result of their failure to have Board-certified employees physically present on numerous occasions when VGTs were operational and available to the public.

A fine of \$63,500 was levied against the license for its Gibson location and \$26,000 on the license for its Lake Ariel location.

Per Board regulations, at least one employee who has completed a mandatory training program must be located on the premises and supervising the VGT area at all times when the games are available for play.

A copy of any of the approved Consent Agreements containing additional details are available upon request through the Board's Office of Communications.

Additionally, the Board revoked Establishment and Individual Principle licenses for Mann & Sidhu, Inc, operating VGTs at Bald Eagle Truck Stop in McElhatten. The Board actions, which result in ceasing VGT operations at this location, were taken after violations to maintain suitability:

- Failure to have a Board credentialed employee on duty when the games are available for play;
- Allowing a minor to be present in the VGT gaming area and place wagers; and,
- Failure to maintain its status as a qualified truck stop establishment by not selling an average of 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel per month over a 12-month period.

The Board also today took actions to place 10 individuals on its various Involuntary Exclusion Lists. Placement on an Involuntary Exclusion List prohibits individuals from either gaming in a casino in Pennsylvania, via an online betting site regulated by the Board, or at a Video Gaming Terminal ("VGT") location.

The actions by the Board today include placement of three persons on the casino exclusion list for leaving minors unattended at a casino facility location while they gambled:

- A female patron who left a 7-year-old in a hotel room at Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia for 3 hours 42 minutes while she gambled at table games;
- A male patron who left two children, ages 6 and 8, in a vehicle in the parking lot at Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia for 1 hour 15 minutes while he gambled at table games; and,
- A male patron who left a 6-year-old child in a vehicle in the parking lot at Valley Forge Casino Resort for 19 minutes while he gambled on slot machines.

Actions such as these to deny statewide gambling privileges serve as a reminder that adults are prohibited from leaving minors unattended in the parking lot or garage, a hotel, or other venues at a casino since it creates a potentially unsafe and dangerous environment for the children. To complement the efforts by casinos to mitigate this issue, the Board created an awareness campaign, "Don't Gamble with Kids".

These matters, presented by the Board's Office of Chief Counsel and the OEC, raise the number of individuals now on the Board's various Involuntary Exclusion Lists to 1,458.

The Gaming Control Board is scheduled to meet next at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 in the Board's Public Hearing Room located on the second floor of the Strawberry Square Complex in Harrisburg. More information, including the agenda, will be posted on the Board's website prior to the meeting.

About the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is tasked to oversee all aspects of gambling involving 17 land-based casinos, online casino games, retail and online sports wagering, and Video Gaming Terminals (VGTs) at qualified truck stops, along with the regulation of online fantasy sports contests.

The land-based casino industry in Pennsylvania consists of six racetrack (Category 1) casinos, five stand-alone (Category 2) casinos, two resort (Category 3) casinos and four mini-casinos (Category 4). A significant job generator in the Commonwealth, casinos and the other types of Board-regulated gaming generated \$2.8 billion in tax revenue and fees in State Fiscal Year 2024/25.

Additional information about both the PGCB's gaming regulatory efforts and Pennsylvania's gaming industry can be found at gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov.

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