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Gaming Board Strengthens Ethics Provisions For Casino License Selection Process

CHICAGO – The Illinois Gaming Board (“IGB”) today adopted new emergency Rule 3000.190 under the recently enacted Illinois Gambling Act (P.A. 101-0031) to enhance existing ethical conduct safeguards and bolster the ethical disclosure reporting requirements for the casino license selection process.

Section 5.3(j) of the Illinois Gambling Act enhances the already robust ethical protections for casino gaming in Illinois, including the licensing process. New Emergency Rule 3000.190 further strengthens those protections in two ways. First, the new emergency rule clarifies the definition of “applicant” to include “any person or entity which has directly or indirectly expressed interest to an official or employee of a host community in obtaining an owners license under the Act in that host community, regardless of whether that person or entity has submitted an application to the Board.” Second, the rule requires all applicants and licensees to disclose potential or actual violations of Section 5.3 of the Act, including but not limited to: (1) violations by the applicant, licensee, or its agents or employees; (2) violations by any other applicant, licensee, or their agents or employees; or (3) violations by any current or former official or employee of a host community, or their spouse, child, or parent.

“The purpose of this emergency rule is to further strengthen the IGB’s existing ethics requirements and enhance the transparency of the casino license selection process authorized under the Illinois Gambling Act,” said IGB Administrator Marcus Fruchter. “This rule clarifies certain terms contained in P.A. 101-0031 and establishes ethical requirements for disclosing important information to the Board for applicants and licensees. This is another step in our process to ethically and expeditiously implement gaming expansion in Illinois.”

This rule along with all other rules can be found on the Illinois Gaming Board’s website under Casino Gambling applicable law and standards emergency rules section.

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