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To: Licensed Terminal Operators and Licensed Video Gaming Locations
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Subject: Terminal Operator Provided Security Measures under Rule 350(b)(3)

The Illinois Gaming Board (“IGB”) received inquiries from licensed terminal operators about reported burglaries involving licensed video gaming locations. In response to these recent inquiries, the IGB is reminding licensees about existing Rules related to video gaming security measures.

As an initial matter, the IGB takes property crimes against video gaming locations seriously. We work closely with local and State police departments and other law enforcement agencies, local state’s attorneys’ offices, and the Illinois Attorney General’s Office to support efforts to investigate and prosecute burglaries at video gaming establishments statewide.

Proactive measures to secure and fortify video gaming locations can be an effective deterrent to property crime. Toward that end, licensees are reminded that [Video Gaming Rule 350](#) allows licensed terminal operators to provide security measures to video gaming locations in compliance with the anti-inducement provisions contained in Section 25(c) of the Video Gaming Act. Specifically, Rule 350(b) allows terminal operators to give licensed establishments the following security items:

video surveillance¹, **alarms, ID scanners, or other security systems or devices required by this part or intended to monitor or enhance the security and integrity of video gaming operations and the video gaming area of a licensed video gaming location, but not including the costs of permanent physical construction.** (Emphasis added.)

[Rule 350\(b\)\(3\)](#) further addresses situations where terminal operator-provided security measures cover both gaming and non-gaming areas of the licensed location:

[t]he surveillance and alarms may include exterior entrances and exits to the video gaming location. When surveillance, **alarms, or other security systems cover both gaming and non-gaming areas of the video gaming location**, this subsection (b)(3) only applies to the portion of the installation or ongoing costs and fees **proportional to the video gaming area and exterior entrance and exit coverage.** (Emphasis added.)

Accordingly, licensed terminal operators may provide security measures to licensed locations if certain criteria are met. First, the measures cannot be permanent construction. Second, the measures must be reasonably limited to the scope of the gaming area. The factors the IGB will consider when evaluating

¹ [Video Gaming Rule 250\(w\)](#) requires terminal operators to provide continuous digital surveillance at locations whenever video gaming terminals are operating

whether a terminal operator-provided security measure is allowed under the Video Gaming Act and Rule 350 include:

- Is the security system or device intended to monitor or enhance the security and integrity of the video gaming area of the licensed location?
- Is the security system or device permanently affixed to the video gaming location?
- Is the installation or ongoing cost of the security system or device proportional to the video gaming area?

These factors are in addition to those enumerated in [Rule 350\(e\)](#). Notably, Rule 350(e)(2) includes the extent to which costs are shared between the licensees. Accordingly, Rule 350 authorizes cost-sharing as a way of achieving proportional benefits.

In sum, existing Video Gaming Rules allow licensed terminal operators to provide security measures to licensed establishments in compliance with the prohibition on inducements. To do so, licensed terminal operators must not provide permanent construction items, and the provided measures must be proportional to the video gaming area. Cost sharing is a permissible method to achieve proportionality.

The IGB encourages terminal operators and video gaming locations to take all available, proactive steps within the framework of the Video Gaming Act and Rules 270 and 350 to enhance security, deter illegal activity, and advance the safety and integrity of video gaming operations. The IGB reminds all licensees of their obligations under [Video Gaming Rule 220\(a\)](#) to promptly report illegal activity to the IGB.

Please reach out to the IGB Legal Division at IGB.Legal@Illinois.gov with any questions.