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To: California Gambling Control Commission Stakeholders

Re: Additional 60-Day Relief Provided During COVID-19 State of Emergency: Release of Executive Order N-71-20

As you are aware, Governor Newsom released two previous Executive Orders, [Executive Order N-40-20](#) and [Executive Order N-66-20](#), which provided specific industry relief associated with industry related fees and specific application and reporting timeframes. Today, Governor Newsom released [Executive Order N-71-20](#), which provides an additional 60-day extension for the industry fees and specific application and reporting timeframe for those cardrooms and Third-Party Provider of Proposition Player Services (TPPPS) that suspended operations due to the declared COVID-19 State of Emergency. The revised extensions provided are as follows:

ANNUAL FEES – Any annual fee currently due or that would otherwise become due during the declared State of Emergency will be extended for up to 180-days without penalty. This includes any installment payments currently due. For example, Annual Fees that were due to the Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau) by April 30, 2020, are now due no later than October 28, 2020.

EXTENSION OF EXPIRATION DATES – This section provides temporary regulatory relief by extending the expiration dates for current holders of a license, registration, work permit, or finding of suitability that would otherwise expire during the declared State of Emergency.

Executive Orders N-40-20, N-66-20, and N-71-20 provide the Commission the authority to administratively, without holding a public meeting, extend the expiration date of all licensees, work permits, findings of suitability, and any other Commission required approvals for up to 180 days. The Bureau and Commission are continuing to process and act on applications already received to the extent possible. However, understandable delays on the part of the applicant, Designated Agents, Bureau, and/or the Commission may require an extension of the expiration date. For those current holders of a license, registration, work permit, or finding of suitability who have already submitted a completed application, your application will be processed unless a request for an extension is made by the applicant or Designated Agent.

EXTENSION OF APPLICATION AND FEE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS – This section provides temporary regulatory relief to any applicant currently required to submit an initial or renewal application within an otherwise specified mandated timeframe.

Executive Orders N-40-20 and N-66-20 provide the Commission with the authority to issue a 120-day extension of the existing requirement to submit and process any application or related fee. An additional 60-day extension, for a total of up to a 180 days extension, for renewal applicants has been provided via Executive Order N-71-20.

For Renewal Applicants: The Commission encourages those that are able to submit the required renewal applications and associated fees within the required timeframes to do so. Notwithstanding, as outlined in the Gambling Control Act and/or regulations, the following extension is provided for, if needed: Any renewal applications or related fees that would have been otherwise required to be submitted to the Bureau now through August 29, 2020 will not be penalized or deemed late if submitted no later than 180 days after the initial due date.

For Initial Applicants: If an applicant intends to actively work in a position that requires a license, work permit, or registration either during the timeframe of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or thereafter, all initial applications **MUST** be filed and deemed complete by the Bureau, per existing requirements. The relief provided does not allow anyone to actively work without abiding by the application requirements. However, payment of any related fee may be delayed for up to 120 days after the application is submitted. **Due to the gradual reopening of cardrooms, the additional 60-day extension provided in Executive Order N-71-20 does not extend to initial applications. This is to ensure that any new hire required to submit an initial application does so within the required timeframe.**

EXTENSION OF DUE DATE FOR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING – Cardrooms and TPPPS are required to submit their annual financial reporting and/or audited reports to the Bureau no later than 120 calendar days following the end of the entity’s fiscal year. However, the Executive Orders have provided an extension of up to 180 days for those reports due during the time of the State of Emergency. For example, those entities who were required to submit their financial report by April 30, 2020, those reports are now due no later than October 28, 2020.

EXTENSION OF EXISTING CONDITIONS AND/OR RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON LICENSES – This section will provide temporary regulatory relief to those current license, work permit, or finding of suitability holders who have existing conditions or restrictions placed on their license, permit, or finding of suitability.

Any existing holder of license, work permit, or finding of suitability that is required to meet specified Commission imposed conditions or restrictions requiring certain action be taken now through August 29, 2020 will not be penalized or deemed late if submitted no later than 180 days after the initial due date.

Please be advised that the above temporary relief from the State licensing requirements does not provide any exemption or relief to existing local jurisdiction requirements.

The Commission will continue to monitor the current COVID-19 State of Emergency, the resulting impact to the industry, and whether additional relief can be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact the Commission at 916-263-0700. In addition, the Commission has a [COVID-19 webpage](#), which provides industry specific information and answers to [FAQs](#) related to changes due to the current State of Emergency.

Stay healthy.

Sincerely,



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