

STATE OF MAINE

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An Act To Change the Renewal Application Deadline from 6 Months to 60 Days before the Expiration of a License Issued by the Gambling Control Board

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1012, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

~~An application for renewal of a~~ At least 60 days before a slot machine operator applies for renewal of a slot machine operator license under section 1017, subsection 4, the slot machine operator license must first be approved ~~seek approval for the renewal under this section by from~~ the municipal officers of the municipality in which the commercial track with slot machines is located or, if the commercial track is in an unincorporated place, the ~~application must be approved by~~ slot machine operator must seek approval for the renewal under this section from the county commissioners of the county in which the commercial track with slot machines is located.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1012, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

C. If municipal officers or county commissioners, as the case may be, fail to take final action on an application for a renewal of a slot machine operator license within 60 days of the filing of an application, the application is considered approved and ~~ready for action by the board~~ the slot machine operator may submit a renewal application to the board pursuant to section 1017, subsection 4. For purposes of this paragraph, the date of filing of the application is the date the application is received by the municipal officers or county commissioners.

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §1012-A, first ¶, as enacted by IB 2009, c. 2, §30, is amended to read:

~~An application for renewal of a~~ At least 60 days before a casino operator applies for renewal of a casino operator license under section 1017, subsection 4, the casino operator license must first be approved ~~seek approval for the renewal under this section by from~~ the municipal officers of the municipality in which the casino is located or, if the casino is in

an unincorporated place, the ~~application must be approved by~~ casino operator must seek approval for the renewal under this section from the county commissioners of the county in which the casino is located.

Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §1012-A, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by IB 2009, c. 2, §30, is amended to read:

C. If municipal officers or county commissioners, as the case may be, fail to take final action on an application for a renewal of a casino operator license within 60 days of the filing of an application, the application is considered approved and ~~ready for action by the board~~ the casino operator may submit a renewal application to the board pursuant to section 1017, subsection 4. For purposes of this paragraph, the date of filing of the application is the date the application is received by the municipal officers or county commissioners.

Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §1017, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

4. Application for renewal. Application for renewal of a license issued under this chapter must be made no less than ~~6 months~~ 60 days prior to the expiration of the current license. Before submitting an application for renewal of a slot machine operator license under this subsection, the slot machine operator must comply with section 1012. Before submitting an application for renewal of a casino operator license under this subsection, the casino operator must comply with section 1012 A.

Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §1018, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

2. Term of license; renewal, renewal fees. ~~All~~ Except as provided in section 1071, subsection 6 for licenses to conduct advance deposit wagering, licenses issued by the board under this chapter are effective for one year, unless revoked or surrendered pursuant to subchapter 5. Upon proper application and payment of the required fees and taxes and in accordance with rules adopted by the board, the board may renew a license for an additional year if municipal approval has been obtained as provided in section 1012 or 1012-A. The board shall transfer \$25,000 of the renewal fee required by subsection 1, paragraph C to the municipality in which the slot machines are operated.