

TITLE 10: LOCAL LAWS
DIVISION 1: FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT (ROTA)

§ 12145. Investigations.

(a) Prior to issuing any license under this chapter, the Commission shall investigate the applicant for such license and any related person, as the Commission determines, either by regulation or in an individual case, is necessary to protect the public interest. If such person holds a similar license from any other United States jurisdiction, the investigation shall be limited to determining the validity of that license and inquiring of the issuer of such license regarding any germane information relating to the issuance of such license(s) to such person. The Commission may request the assistance of the United States federal government for investigation, examination or other related questions for any casino applicant, and any applicant shall waive in writing any objection to the release of information from any governmental entity pursuant to the investigation.

(b) The Commission shall, at the request of the holder of any license under this chapter, investigate any person involved in the potential sale, lease, transfer, change in ownership, or other change related to the license as necessary to protect the public interest in future activities under such license.

(c) The Commission may require that the applicant reimburse the Commission for its expenses incurred in the conduct of an investigation under 10 CMC § 12145(a) or (b), provided that no expense for any member or staff of the Commission, including any travel or transportation expense of such a member or staff, shall be reimbursed. The Commission may require the applicant to deposit the estimated amount of such expenses with the Commission before the investigation begins and shall return any unused balance to the applicant when the investigation is completed or otherwise terminated. The Commission may require additional deposits, if previous deposits are insufficient to cover the actual cost of the investigation. Any amount reimbursed under this subsection shall be deposited as a credit against the applicable appropriation account and shall once again be available for obligation without further appropriation.

(d) The Commission may at any time investigate the holder of any license under this chapter or any related person, with or without notice to such holder or person, when it determines that such investigation is warranted, but the expenses of such an investigation shall not be subject to reimbursement.

Source: Rota Local Initiative 1 (2007), § 8, modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission modified this section pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(c), (d) and (g). The Commission substituted “chapter” for “title” and changed references to agree with renumbered code sections. The Commission changed “gain” to “again” in subsection (c) to correct a manifest error.