



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION**

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Casino Commission (“the Commission”) intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached Proposed Regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). Once finally adopted, the Regulations would become effective 10 days after adoption and publication in the Commonwealth Register. (1 CMC § 9105(b)).

AUTHORITY: The Commission has the authority to adopt rules and regulations in furtherance of its duties and responsibilities pursuant to Public Laws 18-56 and Public Law 19-24, including but not limited to 4 CMC 2314(b).

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: These rules and regulations:

1. Amend §175-10.1-635 Initial Gaming Facility.
2. Amend §175-10.1-801 Temporary Live Training Facility Authorized.
3. Amend §175-10.1-815 Cessation of Live Training Facility.

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The attached Rules and Regulations amend the regulations to conform to the recent amendments of the Casino License Agreement adopted by the Lottery Commission.

CCC Regulation 635(d) is amended to require completion of the initial gaming facility by no later than August 31, 2018.

CCC Regulation 801 and 815 are amended to allow the transfer of the live gaming facility to the casino portion of the unfinished initial gaming facility prior to the completion of the required number of five star quality hotel rooms, and to allow the live training facility to operate until not later than August 31, 2018.

These regulations were adopted on an emergency basis in 2017 CR V39 #07 pp 039755-039757. The Commonwealth Casino Commission approved the attached Regulations on or about September 21, 2017.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: These Proposed Regulations shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed and newly adopted regulations (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) and posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government offices in each senatorial district; the notice shall be both in English and in the principal vernacular. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS: Send or deliver your comments to Commonwealth Casino Commission, *Attn: New Casino Commission Rules and Regulations*, at the above address, fax or email address, with the subject line "New Casino Commission Rules and Regulations". Comments are due within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Please submit your data, views or arguments. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2)).

The Commonwealth Casino Commission approved the attached Regulations on the date listed below.

Submitted by:  _____ Date Oct. 19 2017
JUAN M. SABLAN
Chairman of the Commission

Concurred by:  _____ Date 10/19/17
Hon. ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Acting Governor

Filed and Recorded by:  _____ Date 10.27.2017
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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (obtain AG approval) the proposed regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations).

Dated the 27 day of October, 2017.