



**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). 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 TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The attached Rules and Regulations supplement the current regulations which govern and regulate the Casino Gaming Industry on Saipan. The amendments declare unsuitable certain methods of operation which would negatively affect the gaming industry in the CNMI.

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: These rules and regulations:

1. Amend §175-10.1-595(a) to require casino licensee to annually submit projected cashflow statement. Further requires casino licensee to submit operational budget schedules and updated quarterly reports.
2. Amend §175-10.1-595(b) to require casino licensee to annually submit capital investment expenditures.
3. Amend §175-10.1-920(b)(4) to increase look-back and disqualification period for casino key employee, junket operator or other licensees from five years to ten years.
4. Amend §175-10.1-1501 to explicitly allow for filing of amended complaints in enforcement actions before the Commission.
5. Amend §175-10.1-1510 to allow for extending time for filing Notices of Defense in enforcement actions before the Commission.
6. Amend §175-10.1-1805(b) to declare failure to make efforts to collect gaming credit an unsuitable method of operation.
7. Amend §175-10.1-1830(c) to prohibit licensees from retaliating against whistleblowers.

8. Amend §175-10.1-1855(d) to increase gaming collection period from ninety to one hundred twenty days.
9. Amend §175-10.1-1855(e) to provide schedule for required actions for collection of gaming credit.
10. Amend §175-10.1-2535(c) to allow for determination of occurrence of offense.
11. Amend §175-10.1-2555 to allow for determinations to be made prior to hearing if hearing is subsequently offered.

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: 

 JUAN M. SABLAN
 Chairman of the Commission

Oct. 19 2017
 Date

Concurred by: 

 Hon. ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
 Acting Governor

19 OCT 2017
 Date

Filed and Recorded by: 

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 Commonwealth Register

10.27.2017
 Date

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).