

Minnesota Gambling Control Board

Summary of 2020 Legislative Changes Affecting Lawful Gambling

Copy of Annual Audit to be Filed with Board. The annual audit required to be submitted to the Department of Revenue must now also be submitted at the same time to the Gambling Control Board.

Emergency Expenditures/Business Loans Allowed. Allows a short-term **loan** from a veterans or fraternal organization's gambling funds **to its general fund** to relieve effects of the bar and restaurant shutdown.

Star Rating Waived. Waives the requirement to spend 30% of net receipts on lawful purposes in FY20 and extends probation period for organizations on probation in FY20 by one year. (Probation may end sooner if probationary issues are resolved before the end of the extended probationary period.) This provision only applies to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The star rating will apply to FY21 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021).

Lawful Gambling Equipment Sales on Credit Exemption. The 30-day limit on credit for the sale of lawful gambling equipment would not apply to the time that an executive order that provides for, modifies, or extends the temporary closure or the extension of restrictions placed on bars, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation is in effect. This provision expires on the day that the emergency executive authority expires, terminates, or is rescinded.

License Renewal Dates Extended. Allows licensees to establish normal operations following the conclusion of the bar/restaurant closings due to COVID-19 by **extending licenses (see below) an additional 60 days. This provision applies only to licenses that were in effect on April 1, 2020.** (Affects organization licenses, premises permits, gambling manager licenses, and manufacturer, distributor/salespersons, and linked bingo game provider licenses.)

Exempt Permit Late Filing Fee Waived. **Waives the \$150 filing fee for groups exempt** under 349.166, subdivision 2, paragraph (a)(3). **Allows exempt groups to reschedule a postponed activity for up to 400 days from the originally scheduled activity date** to accommodate exempt activity at annual events. This provision expires on the day that the emergency executive authority expires, terminates, or is rescinded.

Emergency Gambling Manager Training Requirement Extended. **Extends the 90-day emergency gambling manager training requirement by an additional 60 days** to allow individuals time to schedule training. This provision expires on the day that the emergency executive authority expires, terminates, or is rescinded.