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## NOTICE TO LICENSEES

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Notice # 2020-72

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**DATE:** August 14, 2020

**TO:** All Gaming Licensees and Other Interested Persons

**FROM:** Nevada Gaming Control Board

**SUBJECT:** SLOT MACHINE USE IN BARS

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On July 10, 2020, Governor Sisolak issued Declaration of Emergency Directive 027, which can be found [here](#). The Nevada Gaming Control Board (Board) has received inquiries related to sections 5 and 6 of Emergency Directive 027, seeking guidance from the Board on its interpretation on what constitutes the bar area, and whether Emergency Directive 027 allows stand-alone slot machines that touch the bar top to operate.

While the provisions of sections 5 and 6 of Emergency Directive 027 are in force, stand-alone slot machines may be placed temporarily next to a bar top in a licensee's establishment and played by patrons. Additionally, slot machines in buddy bars may be made available for play. Slot machines embedded in a bar, as defined in subsection 3 of NRS 463.161, and as noted in a licensee's current diagram on file with the Board, must remain unavailable for play.

All licensees are reminded that placement of slot machines must comply with the [Health and Safety Policies for Resumption of Gaming Operations](#). This includes, without limitation, spacing slot machines at least 6 feet apart or complying with an alternate plan approved by the Board, and the cleaning and disinfection of each machine and any partitions or barriers between machines after each use by a patron. The use of such partitions or barriers is highly encouraged.

Pursuant to Regulation 4.090, a licensee must obtain approval by the Board before changing the placement of slot machines. All electrical and data communication wiring for the slot machines and associated systems must be safeguarded and secured. Pursuant to Regulation 4.090: 1) adequate supervision over slot machines must be maintained; and 2) a new floor diagram must be submitted and approved prior to any slot machine being moved, placed, or activated for play. Please send diagram submissions to [NGCtaxforms@gcb.nv.gov](mailto:NGCtaxforms@gcb.nv.gov).

This Industry Notice in no way amends or rescinds any requirements imposed by Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directives, the Board's Health and Safety Policies, or other Industry Notices issued by the Board. Further, a licensee that chooses to place slot machines in buddy bars or stand-alone slot machines temporarily next to a bar top remains responsible for compliance with all provisions of the Gaming Control Act, the Nevada Gaming Commission Regulations, and any local ordinances related to gaming.