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**TO: ALL LICENSED MANUFACTURERS
AND INTERESTED PERSONS**

SUBJECT: BONUS GAME OPERATION – INITIATION OF BONUS FEATURE

The Gaming Control Board Electronic Services Division (ESD) has adopted a new policy designed to eliminate patron disputes resulting from the auto-initiation of slot machine bonus features. This policy is unique in that it is the result of cooperative effort between the Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico (non tribal) and Ontario regulatory bodies. As such, it is our understanding that this policy will be adopted in the above jurisdictions.

The policy is as follows:

1. **Auto-initiation of a “Bonus Game” or “Extended Feature” by the gaming device itself is prohibited except in the case of:**
 - a. **The patron is presented with a choice and specifically acknowledges their intent to have the gaming device auto- initiate the “Bonus” or “Extended Feature” by means of a button press or other physical patron/machine interaction.**
 - b. **The Bonus or Extended Feature provides only one choice to the patron i.e.: Press Button to Spin Wheel. In this case, the machine may auto-initiate the bonus or Extended Feature after a time out period of at least 2 minutes.**
2. **If a machine has the capability of auto-initiating the Bonus or Extended feature, under section 1 of this policy, the mechanism by which the auto-initiation is implemented must be explained in the payable and “help screens” if “help screens” are a feature of the particular game. For non-video machines or machines with the payable displayed on glass, the auto-initiation mechanism must be explained on the glass.**

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This policy will become effective, in Nevada, on April 30, 2001 and will apply to all software approved after that date. Software approved prior to that date will not be subject to this requirement. Any modifications submitted to such software after April 30, 2001 will be expected to bring that software into compliance.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy or if you require any additional information you may call ESD Chief Marc McDermott in Las Vegas at (702) 486-2043.

Sincerely,

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