

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS 15A.065 AND 15A.190

PURPOSE: To update the regulation to reflect recent statutory changes requiring certain limited partners to register with the Gaming Control Board prior to obtaining an ownership interest; to allow certain general partners of limited partnership holding companies to register with the Gaming Control Board instead of being licensed; to remove the waiver of the statutory requirement that all transfers of interest must be approved by the commission; and to take such additional action as may be necessary and proper to effectuate these stated purposes.

REGULATION 15A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP LICENSEES

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15A.065 Registration of certain limited partners of limited partnerships.

1. All limited partners with a 5 percent or less ownership interest in a limited partnership licensee must register in that capacity with the board and affirmatively state in writing that they submit to the board's jurisdiction. Such registration must be made on forms prescribed by the chairman. A limited partner who is required to be registered by this section shall apply for registration ~~[within 30 days after]~~ before the limited partner obtains an ownership interest of 5 percent or less in a limited partnership licensee.

2. No Change.

3. An application for ~~[R]~~ registration with the board shall:

(a) No Change.

(b) No Change.

(c) No Change.

(d) No Change.

(e) Include the fingerprints of the registrant for purposes of investigating the registrant's criminal history. Such fingerprints shall be provided in a form and manner acceptable to the board. The chairman, in his sole and absolute discretion, may waive this requirement upon a written request which specifically sets out the reasons for the request for waiver;

(f) No Change.

(g) No Change.

4. The chairman may require a limited partner who is required to be registered by this section to apply for licensure at any time in the chairman's discretion by sending notice through the United States Postal Service to the registrant at the address on the registrant's registration on file with the board and to the limited partnership at the address on file with the commission. ~~[If a limited partner required to be registered by this section has not registered and the chairman~~

~~desires to call the limited partner forward for licensing, the notice shall be sent to the limited partnership at the address on file with the commission.]~~ A limited partner shall apply for licensure as required by the chairman within 40 days of the limited partner's receipt of notice. The notice shall be deemed to have been received by the limited partner 5 days after such notice is deposited with the United States Postal Service with the postage thereon prepaid.

5. ~~[If a limited partner is required to be registered pursuant to this section and the limited partner fails to register, the chairman shall require the limited partner to apply for licensure pursuant to this section. If a limited partner does not apply for licensure as required by this section, the board and commission shall place the matter on their next available agendas for consideration of whether the limited partner should be licensed.]~~ Upon receipt of a completed application for registration with the board, the application shall be placed on an agenda for consideration by the board not later than the first regular monthly board agenda following the expiration of 120 days after the board receives the completed application for registration with the board.

(a) At the meeting in which the board considers the application, it shall register the person with the board, decline to register the person with the board, or refer the application back to staff. At the meeting in which the board considers the application, it may also recommend the chairman require the person required to be registered by this section to apply for licensure. If the board declines to register a person pursuant to this subsection, such action in so declining to register a person with the board shall not be considered a denial under the act.

(b) A person who has the person's application for registration with the board declined or referred back to staff may file an application for licensure even if not required to do so by the chairman.

6. If a limited partner of a limited partnership licensee is a holding company and is required to register with the board under this section, the limited partner is not required to register with the commission pursuant to NRS 463.585 unless the chairman requires the limited partner to apply for licensure.

~~[7. Notwithstanding NRS 463.567 and the regulations governing issuance and transfers of interest, an issuance or transfer of interest to a limited partner required to register with the board under this section does not require pre-approval from the commission, as specified by this subsection, for the issuance or transfer of interest.~~

~~(a) For transfers of interest from a limited partner] who owns more than a five percent interest prior to the proposed transfer to a limited partner] required to register with the board under this section and for issuance or transfer of interest by a limited partnership to a limited partner required to register with the board under this section:~~

~~(1) Prior to such issuance or transfer, the issuer or transferor shall report the terms of the proposed transfer to the board on forms designated by the board chairman. Such report shall include copies of all documents relevant to the proposed transfer.~~

~~(2) Upon receipt of such report, the proposed issuance or transfer shall be placed on the next available board and commission agendas for the purposes of~~

~~notifying the public of such proposed issuances and transfers and to give each board and commission member the opportunity to object to the proposed issuance or transfer taking place without pre-approval from the commission.~~

~~(3) If any board member objects to the proposed issuance or transfer during the board meeting for which the issuance or transfer was placed on the agenda or any commission member objects to the proposed issuance or transfer during the commission meeting for which the issuance or transfer was placed on the agenda for any cause deemed reasonable by the board or commission member, the proposed issuance or transfer shall not take place unless the commission approves such proposed issuance or transfer prior to the proposed issuance or transfer occurring and upon application to and recommendation by the board pursuant to NRS 463.5733 and the regulations governing issuances and transfers of interest.~~

~~(4) Until the objection opportunities set forth in this subsection have passed without any objections, all parties to the proposed issuance or transfer shall follow Regulation 8.050.~~

~~(5) If no objection is made by a board or commission member as set out in this subsection after a proposed issuance or transfer is placed on the board and commission agendas, the proposed issuance or transfer of interest to a limited partner required to register with the board under this section may occur within six months of the commission meeting for which the proposed issuance or transfer was placed on the agenda. If the proposed issuance or transfer does not occur within six months of the commission meeting for which the proposed issuance or transfer was placed on the agenda, the issuance or transfer shall not occur without again following the provisions of this subsection after the expiration of the six months. The issuance or transfer must be made as agendaed. All board and commission members must have the chance to object, as set out above, to any changes to the proposed issuance or transfer before the issuance or transfer may take place.~~

~~(b) For transfers of interest from a limited partner who owns five percent or less interest prior to the proposed transfer to a limited partner required to register with the board under this section:~~

~~(1) Prior to such transfer, the transferor shall report the terms of the proposed transfer to the board on forms designated by the board chairman. Such report shall include copies of all documents relevant to the proposed transfer and valid electronic mail addresses for both the transferor and transferee.~~

~~(2) Upon receipt of such report, the board chairman may object, for any reason the chairman deems reasonable, to such transfer occurring without pre-approval from the commission.~~

~~(i) If the chairman does not object to the transfer within 60 days of the chairman's receipt of such report, the transfer may occur without pre-approval from the commission.~~

~~(ii) The chairman may extend the objection period if the chairman, in his sole discretion, finds such extension is necessary. Notice of such extension shall be sent to the electronic mail addresses provided in the report concerning the proposed transfer prior to the expiration of the original 60 day objection period.~~

~~(III) The chairman may shorten the objection period by indicating he has no objection to the transfer in writing prior to the expiration of the 60 day objection period.~~

~~(IV) The transfer must be made as described in the report. If any changes are made to the proposed transfer or the proposed transfer does not occur within six months of the expiration of the objection period, the board chairman must have a new opportunity to object, as set out above, prior to the proposed transfer occurring.~~

~~(3) If the board chairman objects within 60 days, or longer period as extended by the chairman, of the chairman's receipt of such report, the proposed transfer shall not take place unless the commission approves such proposed transfer prior to the proposed transfer occurring and upon application to and recommendation by the board pursuant to NRS 463.567 and the regulations governing transfers of interest. Notice of such objection shall be sent to the electronic mail addresses provided in the report concerning the proposed transfer.~~

~~(4) Until the objection opportunity set forth in this subsection has passed without any objection, all parties to the proposed transfer shall follow Regulation 8.050.~~

~~(5) The public shall be notified of proposed transfers subject to objection by the board chairman through an informational item placed on the next regular board and commission agendas subsequent to the expiration of the chairman's objection period. Such notice shall include the details of the transfer and whether or not the chairman objected to the proposed transfer.~~

~~(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, if the board chairman requires the limited partner to apply for licensure pursuant to subsection 4 of this section, the limited partner shall also apply for approval of any transfers of interest to the limited partner which were previously exempted from pre-approval by this sub-section.~~

~~8]7.~~ In enacting this regulation section, the commission finds that waiver of NRS 463.585 ~~[and NRS 463.567]~~ pursuant to NRS 463.489 ~~[and NRS 463.563]~~ is appropriate to the extent required by this section. In making ~~[these]~~ this waiver~~[s]~~, the commission finds such waiver~~[s-are]~~ is consistent with the state policy set forth in NRS 463.0129~~[,]~~ and NRS 463.489~~[, and NRS 463.563]~~ because such waiver~~[s-are]~~ is for purposes including but not limited to fostering the growth of the gaming industry which is vitally important to the economy of the State and the general welfare of its inhabitants and broadening the opportunity for investment in gaming. The commission further finds such waiver~~[s]~~ does not diminish the board's and commission's roles in strictly regulating gaming and effectively controlling the conduct of gaming by business organizations because the board and commission still require, at a minimum, registration with the board of all persons involved with gaming and may call such persons subject to registration with the board forward for licensure, registration with the commission, or findings of suitability.

~~[9]8.~~ Upon the chairman requiring a limited partner who is required to be registered by this section to apply for licensure, the limited partner does not have

any right to the granting of the application. Any license hereunder is a revocable privilege, and no holder acquires any vested right therein or thereunder. Judicial review is not available for decisions of the board and commission made or entered under the provisions of this section.

15A.190 Licensing of general partners and limited partners of limited partnership holding companies.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each general partner of a limited partnership holding company must be licensed. Each limited partner of a limited partnership holding company must be licensed if the limited partner owns more than 5 percent of any licensee owned by the limited partnership holding company, except to the extent delayed licensing is approved by the commission. For the purposes of this section, “own” means the possession of a record or beneficial interest in any business organization.

2. All limited partners of a limited partnership holding company which own 5 percent or less of any licensee owned by the limited partnership holding company must register in that capacity with the board and affirmatively state in writing that they submit to the board’s jurisdiction. Such registration must be made on forms prescribed by the chairman. A limited partner who is required to be registered by this section shall apply for registration ~~[within 30 days after]~~ before the limited partner obtains an ownership interest in the limited partnership holding company.

3. A general partner of a limited partnership holding company is not required to be licensed and must register in that capacity with the board if both of the following apply:

(a) The general partner owns 5 percent or less of each licensee owned by the limited partnership holding company and

(b) The limited partnership holding company is not, directly or indirectly, a general partner or manager of any licensee and does not control any licensee.
→ A general partner who is required to be registered by this section shall apply for registration before the general partner obtains an ownership interest in the limited partnership holding company.

4. If the commission finds a limited partner or general partner unsuitable, denies an application of the limited partner or general partner, or revokes an approval of the limited partner or general partner, the limited partner, general partner, and the limited partnership holding company shall comply with NRS 463.585 (3) and (4) and NRS 463.595(2).

~~[4]~~5. An application for [R]registration with the board shall:

- (a) No Change.
- (b) No Change.
- (c) No Change.
- (d) No Change.

(e) Include the fingerprints of the registrant for purposes of investigating the registrant’s criminal history. Such fingerprints shall be provided in a form and manner acceptable to the board. The chairman, in his sole and absolute

discretion, may waive this requirement upon a written request which specifically sets out the reasons for the request for waiver;

(f) No Change.

(g) No Change.

~~[5]~~6. The chairman may require a limited partner or general partner who is required to be registered by this section to apply for licensure at any time in the chairman's discretion by sending notice through the United States Postal Service to the registrant at the address on the registrant's registration on file with the board and to the limited partnership holding company at the address on file with the commission. ~~[If a limited partner required to be registered by this section has not registered and the chairman desires to call the limited partner forward for licensing, the notice shall be sent to the limited partnership holding company at the address on file with the commission.]~~ A limited partner or general partner shall apply for licensure as required by the chairman within 40 days of the limited partner or general partner's receipt of notice. The notice shall be deemed to have been received by the limited partner or general partner 5 days after such notice is deposited with the United States Postal Service with the postage thereon prepaid.

~~[6. If a limited partner is required to be registered pursuant to this section and the limited partner fails to register, the chairman shall require the limited partner to apply for licensure pursuant to this section. If a limited partner does not apply for licensure as required by this section, the board and commission shall place the matter on their next available agendas for consideration of whether the limited partner should be licensed.]~~

7. Upon receipt of a completed application for registration with the board, the application shall be placed on an agenda for consideration by the board not later than the first regular monthly board agenda following the expiration of 120 days after the board receives the completed application for registration with the board.

(a) At the meeting in which the board considers the application, it shall register the person with the board, decline to register the person with the board, or refer the application back to staff. At the meeting in which the board considers the application, it may also recommend the chairman require the person required to be registered by this section to apply for licensure. If the board declines to register a person pursuant to this subsection, such action in so declining to register a person with the board shall not be considered a denial under the act.

(b) A person who has the person's application for registration with the board declined or referred back to staff may file an application for licensure even if not required to do so by the chairman.

~~[7]~~8. If a limited partner or general partner of a limited partnership holding company is also a holding company and is required to register with the board under this section, the limited partner or general partner is not required to register with the commission pursuant to NRS 463.585 unless the chairman requires the limited partner or general partner to apply for licensure.

~~[8. Notwithstanding NRS 463.567 and the regulations governing issuance and transfers of interest, an issuance or transfer of interest to a limited partner required to register with the board under this section does not require pre-~~

approval from the commission, as specified by this subsection, for the issuance or transfer of interest.

~~(a) For transfers of interest from a limited partner] who owns more than a five percent interest prior to the proposed transfer to a limited partner] required to register with the board under this section and for issuance or transfer of interest by a limited partnership holding company to a limited partner required to register with the board under this section:~~

~~(1) Prior to such issuance or transfer, the issuer or transferor shall report the terms of the proposed transfer to the board on forms designated by the board chairman. Such report shall include copies of all documents relevant to the proposed transfer.~~

~~(2) Upon receipt of such report, the proposed issuance or transfer shall be placed on the next available board and commission agendas for the purposes of notifying the public of such proposed issuances and transfers and to give each board and commission member the opportunity to object to the proposed issuance or transfer taking place without pre-approval from the commission.~~

~~(3) If any board member objects to the proposed issuance or transfer during the board meeting for which the issuance or transfer was placed on the agenda or any commission member objects to the proposed issuance or transfer during the commission meeting for which the issuance or transfer was placed on the agenda for any cause deemed reasonable by the board or commission member, the proposed issuance or transfer shall not take place unless the commission approves such proposed issuance or transfer prior to the proposed issuance or transfer occurring and upon application to and recommendation by the board pursuant to NRS 463.5733 and the regulations governing issuances and transfers of interest.~~

~~(4) Until the objection opportunities set forth in this subsection have passed without any objections, all parties to the proposed issuance or transfer shall follow Regulation 8.050.~~

~~(5) If no objection is made by a board or commission member as set out in this subsection after a proposed issuance or transfer is placed on the board and commission agendas, the proposed issuance or transfer of interest to a limited partner required to register with the board under this section may occur within six months of the commission meeting for which the proposed issuance or transfer was placed on the agenda. If the proposed issuance or transfer does not occur within six months of the commission meeting for which the proposed issuance or transfer was placed on the agenda, the issuance or transfer shall not occur without again following the provisions of this subsection after the expiration of the six months. The issuance or transfer must be made as agendaed. All board and commission members must have the chance to object, as set out above, to any changes to the proposed issuance or transfer before the issuance or transfer may take place.~~

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~~(1) Prior to such transfer, the transferor shall report the terms of the proposed transfer to the board on forms designated by the board chairman. Such report shall include copies of all documents relevant to the proposed transfer and valid electronic mail addresses for both the transferor and transferee.~~

~~(2) Upon receipt of such report, the board chairman may object, for any reason the chairman deems reasonable, to such transfer occurring without pre-approval from the commission.~~

~~(I) If the chairman does not object to the transfer within 60 days of the chairman's receipt of such report, the transfer may occur without pre-approval from the commission.~~

~~(II) The chairman may extend the objection period if the chairman, in his sole discretion, finds such extension is necessary. Notice of such extension shall be sent to the electronic mail addresses provided in the report concerning the proposed transfer prior to the expiration of the original 60 day objection period.~~

~~(III) The chairman may shorten the objection period by indicating he has no objection to the transfer in writing prior to the expiration of the 60 day objection period.~~

~~(IV) The transfer must be made as described in the report. If any changes are made to the proposed transfer or the proposed transfer does not occur within six months of the expiration of the objection period, the board chairman must have a new opportunity to object, as set out above, prior to the proposed transfer occurring.~~

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~~(4) Until the objection opportunity set forth in this subsection has passed without any objection, all parties to the proposed transfer shall follow Regulation 8.050.~~

~~(5) The public shall be notified of proposed transfers subject to objection by the board chairman through an informational item placed on the next regular board and commission agendas subsequent to the expiration of the chairman's objection period. Such notice shall include the details of the transfer and whether or not the chairman objected to the proposed transfer.~~

~~(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, if the board chairman requires the limited partner to apply for licensure pursuant to subsection 5 of this section, the limited partner shall also apply for approval of any transfers of interest to the limited partner which were previously exempted from pre-approval by this sub-section.]~~

9. In enacting this regulation section, the commission finds that waiver of NRS 463.585 and ~~[NRS 463.567]~~ [NRS 463.595](#) pursuant to NRS 463.489 ~~[and NRS 463.563]~~ is appropriate to the extent required by this section. In making these

waivers, the commission finds such waivers are consistent with the state policy set forth in NRS 463.0129[,], and NRS 463.489[,], ~~and NRS 463.563~~ because such waivers are for purposes including but not limited to fostering the growth of the gaming industry which is vitally important to the economy of the State and the general welfare of its inhabitants and broadening the opportunity for investment in gaming. The commission further finds such waivers do not diminish the board's and commission's roles in strictly regulating gaming and effectively controlling the conduct of gaming by business organizations because the board and commission still require, at a minimum, registration with the board of all persons involved with gaming and may call such persons subject to registration with the board forward for licensure, registration with the commission, or findings of suitability.

10. Upon the chairman requiring a limited partner or general partner who is required to be registered by this section to apply for licensure, the limited partner or general partner does not have any right to the granting of the application. Any license hereunder is a revocable privilege, and no holder acquires any vested right therein or thereunder. Judicial review is not available for decisions of the board and commission made or entered under the provisions of this section.