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IOWA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION MEETING — JULY 2019

July 11 Meeting. The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission met on July 11, 2019, at Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino in Altoona, and completed the following actions:

- Approved eight requests for remodeling pursuant to 491 IAC [5.4\(15\)](#), including a \$750,000 request at Ameristar Casino, Council Bluffs, for the purpose of enhancing an existing space for sports betting. The remaining seven casinos initiated similar proposals for transforming spaces by relocating slot machines or performing other modifications for a sportsbook or an establishment to complement a sportsbook (i.e., restaurant or bar) following the passage of [Senate File 617](#) during the 2019 Legislative Session.
- Approved construction contracts for adding sportsbooks, renovating spaces for sports bars, augmenting an arcade, and providing ATM services.
- Approved sports wagering operator agreements for the provision of sports wagering technology, including mobile betting applications.

GeoComply Presentation. The Commission received a presentation from GeoComply, a provider of geolocation technology services. The company specializes in identifying geographical locations, and in a sports betting context, the company would verify and monitor the origin of sports wagers to ensure compliance with State laws governing sports betting.

Public Comment. During the segment of the meeting reserved for comments from the public, it was suggested that administrative rules pertaining to the State debt offset program and sports wagering be amended so as not to exclude winnings attributable to sports betting in the amount of \$1,200 or more.

July 30 Meeting. The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission met on July 30, 2019, at Drury Inn and Suites in West Des Moines, and completed the following actions:

- Approved one contract for equipment, software, and services for sports wagering.
- Approved two agreements for retail sportsbook services.
- Approved six Advanced Deposit Sports Wagering Agreements, including two agreements with FanDuel.
- Approved one contract for audio/visual equipment and work to enhance a casino's sportsbook.
- Approved an amendment of resolution for an Iowa Statement of Lifetime Self-Exclusion.

Emergency Rules. The Commission adopted and filed two new chapters of emergency rules providing a framework and guidance for entities participating in sports wagering.

Sports Wagering Licenses. The Commission granted sports wagering licenses to 18 entities. Sports wagering is slated to begin in the State of Iowa on August 15, 2019, at 12 p.m.

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