

Mississippi Secretary of State
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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

AGENCY NAME MS Gaming Commission		CONTACT PERSON Ed Wong, Deputy Director	TELEPHONE NUMBER 601-576-3829	
ADDRESS 620 North Street, Suite 200		CITY Jackson	STATE MS	ZIP 39202
EMAIL ewong@mgc.ms.gov	SUBMIT DATE 6/25/2025	Name or number of rule(s): Regulations Governing Applications and Licensing of Gaming Operators and Gaming Employees		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: R 1.4 amends ambiguous non-statutory language regarding legal gaming sites and cites specific statutory requirements. R 1.6 cites specific statutory requirements for property interest in a gaming structure prior to licensing and operation, and cites payment requirements for in-lieu tidelands assessments. R 2.4 removes burdensome requirements already imposed by Coast Guard, DHS and other agencies. R 10.1 adds tolling period for work permit expiration during investigation. All other are typo and citation fixes.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Miss Code Ann 75-76-33

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: 13 MS Admin Code Part 2, R 1.4, 1.6, 2.4, 2.11, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 8.5, 8.13, 8.14, 8.15, 8.17, 9.5, 10.1, 11.6, 11.7, 11.9 and 12.3

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

☒ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

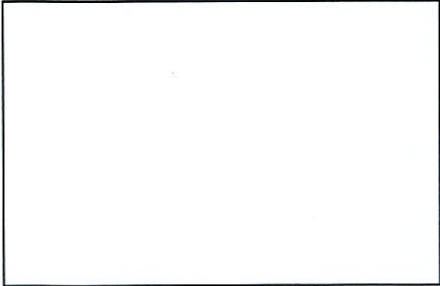
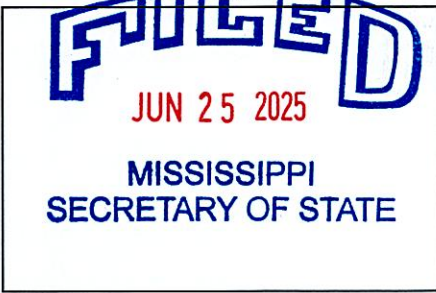
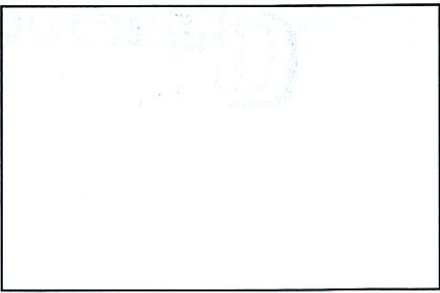
ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☐ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☒ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
_____ Original filing _____ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: _____ Immediately upon filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: _____ New Rule(s) ☒ Amendment to existing rule(s) _____ Repeal of existing rule(s) _____ Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: ☒ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Date Proposed Rule Filed: _____ Action taken: _____ Adopted with no changes in text _____ Adopted with changes _____ Adopted by reference _____ Withdrawn _____ Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: _____ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Jay McDaniel, MGC Executive Director

Signature of person authorized to file rules: *Jay McDaniel*

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Accepted for filing by _____	Accepted for filing by <u>28123 JBA</u>	Accepted for filing by _____

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.



Michael Watson

SECRETARY OF STATE

CONCISE SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. This is a Concise Summary of the Economic Impact Statement which must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

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EMAIL ewong@mgc.ms.gov	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Regulations Governing Applications and Licensing of Gaming Operators and Employees		
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Miss Code Ann 75-76-33		Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: MS Admin Code Part 2, R 1.4, 1.6, 2.4, 2.11, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 8.5, 8.13, 8.14, 8.15, 8.17, 9.5, 10.1, 11.6, 11.7, 11.9 and 12.3	

A. Estimated Costs and Benefits

1. Briefly summarize the benefits that may result from this regulation and who will benefit:

The regulation amendments referenced will benefit casino licensees in Mississippi and those that conduct business with the industry by: reducing overly burdensome and redundant requirements already imposed by other state and federal regulatory bodies; providing clarification on ambiguous and unclear regulations by citing proper statutes and providing consistency; and removing outdated regulations and updating citations.

2. Briefly describe the need for the proposed rule:

As directed by Miss. Code Ann 25-43-3.114 the MGC has conducted a five (5) year review of all of its rules and has determined that several regulations should be amended to adapt to changes in the industry, provide gaming businesses with clearer guidelines, and remove outdated and overly burdensome rules.

3. Briefly describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:

The proposed actions will improve the public health, safety and welfare by providing clearer guidelines on casino regulation as authorized by statute, and will lessen financial burdens on gaming operators by removing regulations that were requiring outdated inspections and standards and allowing for more reinvestment in beneficial resources to casino properties.

4. Estimated Cost of implementing proposed action:

a. To the agency

☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

b. To other state or local government entities

☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

5. Estimated Cost and/or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed rule:

c. Cost:

☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

d. Economic Benefit:

☐ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☒ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

6. Estimated impact on small businesses:

☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

a. Estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation:

Less than 10 small licensed gaming manufacturers/distributors would possibly be subject to the proposed regulations

b. Projected costs for small businesses to comply: \$0 or minimal costs, if any

c. Statement of probable effect on impacted small businesses: Economic benefit by reducing regulation

7. The cost of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):

☐ substantially less than ☒ moderately less than ☐ minimally less than

- ☐ the same as ☐ minimally more than ☐ moderately more than
☐ substantially more than ☐ excessively more than

8. The benefit of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):

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B. Reasonable Alternative Methods

1. Other than adopting this rule, are there less costly or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule?
☐ yes ☒ no
2. If yes, please briefly describe available, reasonable alternative(s) and the reasons for rejecting those alternatives in favor of the proposed rule. (Please see §25-43-4.104 for factors you must consider.)

C. Data and Methodology

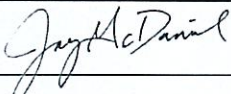
1. Please briefly describe the data and methodology you used in making the estimates required by this form. As stated, the MGC has conducted a comprehensive review of all gaming regulations pursuant to Miss Code Ann 25-43-3.114 and found a significant number of rules that would benefit the regulated industry and have a positive effect on the state by either repeal or amendment. The MGC does not believe that the aggregate cost of these amendments to all persons required to comply will exceed \$100,000, as the aggregate effect of these rules will reduce regulatory costs to both the agency and the regulated industry. However, out of an abundance of caution the MGC is submitting this impact statement in advance of adoption so that all views may be considered during the comment period, and this may be amended if required.

D. Public Notice

1. Where, when, and how may someone present their views on the proposed rule and request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule if one is not already scheduled?

Any person may submit to the MGC, in writing, any argument, data and views on the proposed rule or request an oral proceeding by submitting either by mail to the attention of Ed Wong at 620 North Street, Jackson, MS 39202 or by email to Ewong@mgc.ms.gov

SIGNATURE



TITLE

Executive Director, MGC

DATE

June 25, 2025

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF
RULE 30 Days after filing