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To: All Local Units of Government Permitting Video Gaming
From: Dan Gerber, Illinois Gaming Board General Counsel
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Subject: Video Gaming License Terms and Expiration

This memorandum is intended to clarify the expiration dates for certain licenses issued by the Illinois Gaming Board (“Board”) in 2022.

On December 17, 2021, P.A. 102-689 amended the terms for licenses issued per the Video Gaming Act [230 ILCS 40/1 *et seq.*]. Prior to P.A. 102-689, all licenses issued under the Video Gaming Act had a one-year term. Effective December 17, 2021, all renewed and newly issued terminal operator licenses have a four-year term. All renewed and newly issued licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed large truck establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, and licensed fraternal establishment licenses (collectively “location licenses”), as well as terminal handler licenses and technician licenses have a two-year term. Since the Board did not hold any meetings in 2021 after December 17, 2021, these changes affected all terminal operator licenses, terminal handler licenses, technician licenses, and location licenses issued in 2022.

When the Board issued licenses in 2022, its licensing databases had not been updated to reflect the new two-year terms for terminal operator and location licenses for which P.A. 102-689 provided. Accordingly, the automatically generated licenses displayed a one-year license term instead of the two-year term for terminal handler, technician, and location licenses or a four-year term for terminal operator licenses. At each meeting in 2022, Board Administrator Marcus Fruchter explained that the licenses issued in the wake of the meeting would inaccurately reflect a 2023 expiration date when in fact all the terminal handler, technician, and location licenses issued in 2022 would expire in 2024, and terminal operator licenses would expire in 2026.

At this time, the IGB does not possess the ability to automatically issue corrected licenses, and since none of the licenses issued in 2022 expire until 2024 at the earliest, licensees are not being issued any certificate in 2023. Any location licensee that holds a license issued in 2022 expires in 2024, and is valid until 2024 unless revoked by final Board order. The efforts to recode and update the Board’s licensing databases were recently completed, so this issue is limited to licenses issued in 2022.

An updated list of current licenses is maintained on our website: <https://www.igb.illinois.gov/VideoLists.aspx>. If an individual or entity appears on this list, it currently holds a license issued by the Board. We ask that you take this memorandum as notice that the Board considers any license bearing a 2023 expiration date to be valid unless that license has been revoked. For any questions about this memorandum, please contact the Board’s Legal office at IGB.Legal@illinois.gov or 312-814-4700.