

SENATE BILL NO. 73—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA GAMING CONTROL BOARD)

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to mobile gaming.  
(BDR 41-343)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to gaming; revising the definition of “gaming device” to include mobile gaming; removing or repealing certain provisions relating to mobile gaming; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the Nevada Gaming Commission and the Nevada Gaming  
2 Control Board to administer state gaming licenses and manufacturer’s, seller’s and  
3 distributor’s licenses, and to reform various acts relating to the regulation and  
4 control of gaming. (NRS 463.140) Existing law authorizes the Commission, with  
5 the advice and assistance of the Board, to adopt regulations governing the operation  
6 and licensing of mobile gaming. (NRS 463.730) Existing law defines “mobile  
7 gaming” as the conduct of gambling games through communication devices  
8 operated solely within certain establishments holding a nonrestricted gaming  
9 license that permits a person to transfer information to a computer in order to place  
10 a bet or wager, and respective information related to the display of the game, game  
11 outcomes or other comparable information. (NRS 463.0176) Existing law defines  
12 “gaming device” as any object used remotely or directly in connection with  
13 gaming, or any other game that affects the results of a wager by determining win or  
14 loss but which does not qualify as associated equipment. (NRS 463.0155) **Section 2**  
15 of this bill revises the definition of “gaming device” to include mobile gaming,  
16 thereby making mobile gaming subject to the same regulation and control as a  
17 gaming device. **Sections 1 and 3-20** of this bill remove or repeal all provisions with  
18 individual references to mobile gaming.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 463.0136 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 463.0136 “Associated equipment” means:

4 1. Any equipment or mechanical, electromechanical or  
5 electronic contrivance, component or machine used remotely or  
6 directly in connection with gaming, ~~for mobile gaming,~~ any game,  
7 race book or sports pool that would not otherwise be classified as a  
8 gaming device, including dice, playing cards, links which connect to  
9 progressive slot machines, equipment which affects the proper  
10 reporting of gross revenue, computerized systems of betting at a  
11 race book or sports pool, computerized systems for monitoring slot  
12 machines and devices for weighing or counting money; or

13 2. A computerized system for recordation of sales for use in an  
14 area subject to the tax imposed pursuant to NRS 368A.200.

15 **Sec. 2.** NRS 463.0155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 463.0155 “Gaming device” means any object used remotely or  
17 directly in connection with gaming or any game which affects the  
18 result of a wager by determining win or loss and which does not  
19 otherwise constitute associated equipment. The term includes,  
20 without limitation:

21 1. A slot machine.

22 2. *Mobile gaming.*

23 3. A collection of two or more of the following components:

24 (a) An assembled electronic circuit which cannot be reasonably  
25 demonstrated to have any use other than in a slot machine;

26 (b) A cabinet with electrical wiring and provisions for mounting  
27 a coin, token or currency acceptor and provisions for mounting a  
28 dispenser of coins, tokens or anything of value;

29 (c) An assembled mechanical or electromechanical display unit  
30 intended for use in gambling; or

31 (d) An assembled mechanical or electromechanical unit which  
32 cannot be demonstrated to have any use other than in a slot machine.

33 ~~[3.]~~ 4. Any object which may be connected to or used with a  
34 slot machine to alter the normal criteria of random selection or  
35 affect the outcome of a game.

36 ~~[4.]~~ 5. A system for the accounting or management of any  
37 game in which the result of the wager is determined electronically  
38 by using any combination of hardware or software for computers.

39 ~~[5.]~~ 6. A control program.

40 ~~[6.]~~ 7. Any combination of one of the components set forth in  
41 paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection ~~[2.]~~ 3 and any other  
42 component which the Commission determines by regulation to be a



1 machine used directly or remotely in connection with gaming or any  
2 game which affects the results of a wager by determining a win or  
3 loss.

4 ~~[7.]~~ 8. Any object that has been determined to be a gaming  
5 device pursuant to regulations adopted by the Commission.

6 ~~[7.]~~

7 9. As used in this section ~~[, "control"]~~:

8 (a) "**Control** program" means any software, source language or  
9 executable code which affects the result of a wager by determining  
10 win or loss as determined pursuant to regulations adopted by the  
11 Commission.

12 (b) "**Mobile gaming**" means the conduct of gambling games  
13 through communications devices operated solely in an  
14 establishment which holds a nonrestricted gaming license and  
15 which operates at least 100 slot machines and at least one other  
16 game by the use of communications technology that allows a  
17 person to transmit information to a computer to assist in the  
18 placing of a bet or wager and corresponding information related  
19 to the display of the game, game outcomes or other similar  
20 information. For the purposes of this paragraph,  
21 "communications technology" means any method used and the  
22 components employed by an establishment to facilitate the  
23 transmission of information, including, without limitation,  
24 transmission and reception by systems based on wireless network,  
25 wireless fidelity, wire, cable, radio, microwave, light, optics or  
26 computer data networks. The term does not include the Internet.

27 **Sec. 3.** NRS 463.0157 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 463.0157 1. "Gaming employee" means any person  
29 connected directly with an operator of a slot route, the operator of a  
30 pari-mutuel system, the operator of an inter-casino linked system or  
31 a manufacturer, distributor or disseminator, or with the operation of  
32 a gaming establishment licensed to conduct any game, 16 or more  
33 slot machines, a race book, sports pool or pari-mutuel wagering,  
34 including:

35 (a) Accounting or internal auditing personnel who are directly  
36 involved in any recordkeeping or the examination of records  
37 associated with revenue from gaming;

38 (b) Boxpersons;

39 (c) Cashiers;

40 (d) Change personnel;

41 (e) Counting room personnel;

42 (f) Dealers;

43 (g) Employees of a person required by NRS 464.010 to be  
44 licensed to operate an off-track pari-mutuel system;



1 (h) Employees of a person required by NRS 463.430 to be  
2 licensed to disseminate information concerning racing and  
3 employees of an affiliate of such a person involved in assisting the  
4 person in carrying out the duties of the person in this State;

5 (i) Employees whose duties are directly involved with the  
6 manufacture, repair, sale or distribution of gaming devices,  
7 associated equipment when the employer is required by NRS  
8 463.650 to be licensed, cashless wagering systems ~~[mobile gaming  
9 systems, equipment associated with mobile gaming systems]~~ or  
10 interactive gaming systems;

11 (j) Employees of operators of slot routes who have keys for slot  
12 machines or who accept and transport revenue from the slot drop;

13 (k) Employees of operators of inter-casino linked systems ~~[~~  
14 ~~mobile gaming systems]~~ or interactive gaming systems whose duties  
15 include the operational or supervisory control of the systems or the  
16 games that are part of the systems;

17 (l) Employees of operators of call centers who perform, or who  
18 supervise the performance of, the function of receiving and  
19 transmitting wagering instructions;

20 (m) Employees who have access to the Board's system of  
21 records for the purpose of processing the registrations of gaming  
22 employees that a licensee is required to perform pursuant to the  
23 provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant  
24 thereto;

25 (n) Floorpersons;

26 (o) Hosts or other persons empowered to extend credit or  
27 complimentary services;

28 (p) Keno runners;

29 (q) Keno writers;

30 (r) Machine mechanics;

31 (s) Odds makers and line setters;

32 (t) Security personnel;

33 (u) Shift or pit bosses;

34 (v) Shills;

35 (w) Supervisors or managers;

36 (x) Ticket writers;

37 (y) Employees of a person required by NRS 463.160 to be  
38 licensed to operate an information service;

39 (z) Employees of a licensee who have local access and provide  
40 management, support, security or disaster recovery services for any  
41 hardware or software that is regulated pursuant to the provisions of  
42 this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and

43 (aa) Temporary or contract employees hired by a licensee to  
44 perform a function related to gaming.



1 2. "Gaming employee" does not include barbacks or bartenders  
2 whose duties do not involve gaming activities, cocktail servers or  
3 other persons engaged exclusively in preparing or serving food or  
4 beverages.

5 3. As used in this section, "local access" means access to  
6 hardware or software from within a licensed gaming establishment,  
7 hosting center or elsewhere within this State.

8 **Sec. 4.** NRS 463.01715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 463.01715 1. "Manufacture" means:

10 (a) To manufacture, produce, program, design, control the  
11 design of or make modifications to a gaming device, associated  
12 equipment, cashless wagering system ~~[, mobile gaming system]~~ or  
13 interactive gaming system for use or play in Nevada;

14 (b) To direct or control the methods and processes used to  
15 design, develop, program, assemble, produce, fabricate, compose  
16 and combine the components and other tangible objects of any  
17 gaming device, associated equipment, cashless wagering system ~~[,~~  
18 ~~mobile gaming system]~~ or interactive gaming system for use or play  
19 in Nevada;

20 (c) To assemble, or control the assembly of, a gaming device,  
21 associated equipment, cashless wagering system ~~[, mobile gaming~~  
22 ~~system]~~ or interactive gaming system for use or play in Nevada; or

23 (d) To assume responsibility for any action described in  
24 paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

25 2. As used in this section:

26 (a) "Assume responsibility" means to:

27 (1) Acquire complete control over, or ownership of, the  
28 applicable gaming device, associated equipment, cashless wagering  
29 system ~~[, mobile gaming system]~~ or interactive gaming system; and

30 (2) Accept continuing legal responsibility for the gaming  
31 device, associated equipment, cashless wagering system ~~[, mobile~~  
32 ~~gaming system]~~ or interactive gaming system, including, without  
33 limitation, any form of manufacture performed by an affiliate or  
34 independent contractor.

35 (b) "Independent contractor" means, with respect to a  
36 manufacturer, any person who:

37 (1) Is not an employee of the manufacturer; and

38 (2) Pursuant to an agreement with the manufacturer, designs,  
39 develops, programs, produces or composes a control program used  
40 in the manufacture of a gaming device. As used in this  
41 subparagraph, "control program" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
42 NRS 463.0155.

43 **Sec. 5.** NRS 463.0177 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 463.0177 "Nonrestricted license" or "nonrestricted operation"  
45 means:



1 1. A state gaming license for, or an operation consisting of, 16  
2 or more slot machines;

3 2. A license for, or operation of, any number of slot machines  
4 together with any other game, gaming device, race book or sports  
5 pool at one establishment;

6 3. A license for, or the operation of, a slot machine route; *or*

7 4. A license for, or the operation of, an inter-casino linked  
8 system. ~~;~~ ~~or~~

9 ~~5. A license for, or the operation of, a mobile gaming system.]~~

10 **Sec. 6.** NRS 463.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 463.160 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and  
12 NRS 463.172, it is unlawful for any person, either as owner, lessee  
13 or employee, whether for hire or not, either solely or in conjunction  
14 with others:

15 (a) To deal, operate, carry on, conduct, maintain or expose for  
16 play in the State of Nevada any gambling game, gaming device,  
17 inter-casino linked system, ~~{mobile gaming system,}~~ slot machine,  
18 race book or sports pool;

19 (b) To provide or maintain any information service;

20 (c) To operate a gaming salon;

21 (d) To receive, directly or indirectly, any compensation or  
22 reward or any percentage or share of the money or property played,  
23 for keeping, running or carrying on any gambling game, slot  
24 machine, gaming device, ~~{mobile gaming system,}~~ race book or  
25 sports pool;

26 (e) To operate as a cash access and wagering instrument service  
27 provider; or

28 (f) To operate, carry on, conduct, maintain or expose for play in  
29 or from the State of Nevada any interactive gaming system,

30 ↪ without having first procured, and thereafter maintaining in  
31 effect, all federal, state, county and municipal gaming licenses as  
32 required by statute, regulation or ordinance or by the governing  
33 board of any unincorporated town.

34 2. The licensure of an operator of an inter-casino linked system  
35 is not required if:

36 (a) A gaming licensee is operating an inter-casino linked system  
37 on the premises of an affiliated licensee; or

38 (b) An operator of a slot machine route is operating an inter-  
39 casino linked system consisting of slot machines only.

40 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, it is unlawful  
41 for any person knowingly to permit any gambling game, slot  
42 machine, gaming device, inter-casino linked system, ~~{mobile  
43 gaming system,}~~ race book or sports pool to be conducted, operated,  
44 dealt or carried on in any house or building or other premises owned



1 by the person, in whole or in part, by a person who is not licensed  
2 pursuant to this chapter, or that person's employee.

3 4. The Commission may, by regulation, authorize a person to  
4 own or lease gaming devices for the limited purpose of display or  
5 use in the person's private residence without procuring a state  
6 gaming license.

7 5. For the purposes of this section, the operation of a race book  
8 or sports pool includes making the premises available for any of the  
9 following purposes:

10 (a) Allowing patrons to establish an account for wagering with  
11 the race book or sports pool;

12 (b) Accepting wagers from patrons;

13 (c) Allowing patrons to place wagers;

14 (d) Paying winning wagers to patrons; or

15 (e) Allowing patrons to withdraw cash from an account for  
16 wagering or to be issued a ticket, receipt, representation of value or  
17 other credit representing a withdrawal from an account for wagering  
18 that can be redeemed for cash,

19 ↪ whether by a transaction in person at an establishment or through  
20 mechanical means, such as a kiosk or similar device, regardless of  
21 whether that device would otherwise be considered associated  
22 equipment. A separate license must be obtained for each location at  
23 which such an operation is conducted.

24 6. As used in this section, "affiliated licensee" has the meaning  
25 ascribed to it in NRS 463.430.

26 **Sec. 7.** NRS 463.1605 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 463.1605 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,  
28 the Commission shall not approve a nonrestricted license, other than  
29 for the operation of a ~~{mobile gaming system,}~~ race book or sports  
30 pool at an establishment which holds a nonrestricted license to  
31 operate both gaming devices and a gambling game, for an  
32 establishment in a county whose population is 100,000 or more  
33 unless the establishment is a resort hotel.

34 2. A county, city or town may require resort hotels to meet  
35 standards in addition to those required by this chapter as a condition  
36 of issuance of a gaming license by the county, city or town.

37 3. The Commission may approve a nonrestricted license for an  
38 establishment which is not a resort hotel at a new location if:

39 (a) The establishment was acquired or displaced pursuant to a  
40 redevelopment project undertaken by an agency created pursuant to  
41 chapter 279 of NRS in accordance with a final order of  
42 condemnation entered before June 17, 2005; or

43 (b) The establishment was acquired or displaced pursuant to a  
44 redevelopment project undertaken by an agency created pursuant to  
45 chapter 279 of NRS in accordance with a final order of



1 condemnation entered on or after June 17, 2005, and the new  
2 location of the establishment is within the same redevelopment area  
3 as the former location of the establishment.

4 **Sec. 8.** NRS 463.245 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 463.245 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section:

6 (a) All licenses issued to the same person, including a wholly  
7 owned subsidiary of that person, for the operation of any game,  
8 including a sports pool or race book, which authorize gaming at the  
9 same establishment must be merged into a single gaming license.

10 (b) A gaming license may not be issued to any person if the  
11 issuance would result in more than one licensed operation at a single  
12 establishment, whether or not the profits or revenue from gaming  
13 are shared between the licensed operations.

14 2. A person who has been issued a nonrestricted gaming  
15 license for an operation described in subsection 1 ~~1~~ or 2 ~~for 5~~ of  
16 NRS 463.0177 may establish a sports pool or race book on the  
17 premises of the establishment only after obtaining permission from  
18 the Commission.

19 3. A person who has been issued a license to operate a sports  
20 pool or race book at an establishment may be issued a license to  
21 operate a sports pool or race book at a second establishment  
22 described in subsection 1 or 2 of NRS 463.0177 only if the second  
23 establishment is operated by a person who has been issued a  
24 nonrestricted license for that establishment. A person who has been  
25 issued a license to operate a race book or sports pool at an  
26 establishment is prohibited from operating a race book or sports  
27 pool at:

28 (a) An establishment for which a restricted license has been  
29 granted; or

30 (b) An establishment at which only a nonrestricted license has  
31 been granted for an operation described in subsection 3 or 4 of  
32 NRS 463.0177.

33 4. A person who has been issued a license to operate a race  
34 book or sports pool shall not enter into an agreement for the sharing  
35 of revenue from the operation of the race book or sports pool with  
36 another person in consideration for the offering, placing or  
37 maintaining of a kiosk or other similar device not physically located  
38 on the licensed premises of the race book or sports pool, except:

39 (a) An affiliated licensed race book or sports pool; or

40 (b) The licensee of an establishment at which the race book or  
41 sports pool holds or obtains a license to operate pursuant to this  
42 section.

43 ↪ This subsection does not prohibit an operator of a race book or  
44 sports pool from entering into an agreement with another person for  
45 the provision of shared services relating to advertising or marketing.





1 5. Nothing in this section limits or prohibits an operator of an  
2 inter-casino linked system from placing and operating such a system  
3 on the premises of two or more gaming licensees and receiving,  
4 either directly or indirectly, any compensation or any percentage or  
5 share of the money or property played from the linked games in  
6 accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the regulations  
7 adopted by the Commission. An inter-casino linked system must not  
8 be used to link games other than slot machines, unless such games  
9 are located at an establishment that is licensed for games other than  
10 slot machines.

11 6. For the purposes of this section, the operation of a race book  
12 or sports pool includes making the premises available for any of the  
13 following purposes:

14 (a) Allowing patrons to establish an account for wagering with  
15 the race book or sports pool;

16 (b) Accepting wagers from patrons;

17 (c) Allowing patrons to place wagers;

18 (d) Paying winning wagers to patrons; or

19 (e) Allowing patrons to withdraw cash from an account for  
20 wagering or to be issued a ticket, receipt, representation of value or  
21 other credit representing a withdrawal from an account for wagering  
22 that can be redeemed for cash,

23 ↪ whether by a transaction in person at an establishment or through  
24 mechanical means such as a kiosk or other similar device, regardless  
25 of whether that device would otherwise be considered associated  
26 equipment.

27 7. The provisions of this section do not apply to a license to  
28 operate ~~[a mobile gaming system or to operate]~~ interactive gaming.

29 **Sec. 9.** NRS 463.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 463.305 1. Any person who operates or maintains in this  
31 State any gaming device of a specific model, any gaming device  
32 which includes a significant modification ~~[, any mobile gaming  
33 system]~~ or any inter-casino linked system which the Board or  
34 Commission has not approved for testing or for operation is subject  
35 to disciplinary action by the Board or Commission.

36 2. The Board shall maintain a list of approved gaming devices  
37 ~~[, mobile gaming systems]~~ and inter-casino linked systems.

38 3. If the Board suspends or revokes approval of a gaming  
39 device pursuant to the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 4,  
40 ~~[or suspends or revokes approval of a mobile gaming system  
41 pursuant to the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 463.730,]~~ the  
42 Board may order the removal of the gaming device ~~[or mobile  
43 gaming system]~~ from an establishment.



1 4. The Commission shall adopt regulations relating to gaming  
2 devices and their significant modification and inter-casino linked  
3 systems.

4 **Sec. 10.** NRS 463.3855 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 463.3855 1. In addition to any other state license fees  
6 imposed by this chapter, the Commission shall, before issuing a  
7 state gaming license to an operator of a slot machine route ~~[, an~~  
8 ~~operator of a mobile gaming system]~~ or an operator of an inter-  
9 casino linked system, charge and collect an annual license fee of  
10 \$500.

11 2. Each such license must be issued for a calendar year  
12 beginning January 1 and ending December 31. If the operation of  
13 the licensee is continuing, the Commission shall charge and collect  
14 the fee on or before December 31 for the ensuing calendar year.

15 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 463.386, the fee to be  
16 charged and collected under this section is the full annual fee,  
17 without regard to the date of application for or issuance of the  
18 license.

19 **Sec. 11.** NRS 463.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 463.650 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 to  
21 7, inclusive, it is unlawful for any person, either as owner, lessee or  
22 employee, whether for hire or not, to operate, carry on, conduct or  
23 maintain any form of manufacture, selling or distribution of any  
24 gaming device, cashless wagering system ~~[, mobile gaming system]~~  
25 or interactive gaming system for use or play in Nevada without first  
26 procuring and maintaining all required federal, state, county and  
27 municipal licenses.

28 2. A lessor who specifically acquires equipment for a capital  
29 lease is not required to be licensed under this section.

30 3. The holder of a state gaming license or the holding company  
31 of a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited-liability  
32 company or other business organization holding a license may,  
33 within 2 years after cessation of business or upon specific approval  
34 by the Board, dispose of by sale in a manner approved by the Board,  
35 any or all of its gaming devices, including slot machines ~~[, mobile~~  
36 ~~gaming systems]~~ and cashless wagering systems, without a  
37 distributor's license. In cases of bankruptcy of a state gaming  
38 licensee or foreclosure of a lien by a bank or other person holding a  
39 security interest for which gaming devices are security in whole or  
40 in part for the lien, the Board may authorize the disposition of the  
41 gaming devices without requiring a distributor's license.

42 4. The Commission may, by regulation, authorize a person who  
43 owns:

44 (a) Gaming devices for home use in accordance with NRS  
45 463.160; or



1 (b) Antique gaming devices,  
2 ➔ to sell such devices without procuring a license therefor to  
3 residents of jurisdictions wherein ownership of such devices is legal.

4 5. Upon approval by the Board, a gaming device owned by:

5 (a) A law enforcement agency;

6 (b) A court of law; or

7 (c) A gaming device repair school licensed by the Commission  
8 on Postsecondary Education,

9 ➔ may be disposed of by sale, in a manner approved by the Board,  
10 without a distributor's license. An application for approval must be  
11 submitted to the Board in the manner prescribed by the Chair.

12 6. A manufacturer who performs any action described in  
13 paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 463.01715 is not  
14 required to be licensed under the provisions of this section with  
15 respect to the performance of that action if another manufacturer  
16 who is licensed under the provisions of this section assumes  
17 responsibility for the performance of that action.

18 7. An independent contractor who designs, develops,  
19 programs, produces or composes a control program for use in the  
20 manufacture of a gaming device that is for use or play in this State is  
21 not required to be licensed under the provisions of this section with  
22 respect to the design, development, programming, production or  
23 composition of a control program if a manufacturer who is licensed  
24 under the provisions of this section assumes responsibility for the  
25 design, development, programming, production or composition of  
26 the control program.

27 8. Any person who the Commission determines is a suitable  
28 person to receive a license under the provisions of this section may  
29 be issued a manufacturer's or distributor's license. The burden of  
30 proving his or her qualification to receive or hold a license under  
31 this section is at all times on the applicant or licensee.

32 9. Every person who must be licensed pursuant to this section  
33 is subject to the provisions of NRS 463.482 to 463.645, inclusive,  
34 unless exempted from those provisions by the Commission.

35 10. The Commission may exempt, for any purpose, a  
36 manufacturer, seller or distributor from the provisions of NRS  
37 463.482 to 463.645, inclusive, if the Commission determines that  
38 the exemption is consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

39 11. Any person conducting business in Nevada who is not  
40 required to be licensed as a manufacturer, seller or distributor  
41 pursuant to subsection 1, but who otherwise must register with the  
42 Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Title 15 of U.S.C.,  
43 must submit to the Board a copy of such registration within 10 days  
44 after submission to the Attorney General of the United States.



1 12. It is unlawful for any person, either as owner, lessee or  
2 employee, whether for hire or not, to knowingly distribute any  
3 gaming device, cashless wagering system, ~~mobile gaming system,~~  
4 interactive gaming system or associated equipment from Nevada to  
5 any jurisdiction where the possession, ownership or use of any such  
6 device, system or equipment is illegal.

7 13. As used in this section:

8 (a) "Antique gaming device" means a gaming device that was  
9 manufactured before 1961.

10 (b) "Assume responsibility" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
11 NRS 463.01715.

12 (c) "Control program" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
13 NRS 463.0155.

14 (d) "Holding company" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
15 NRS 463.485.

16 (e) "Independent contractor" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
17 NRS 463.01715.

18 **Sec. 12.** NRS 463.6505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 463.6505 1. In addition to any other requirements set forth in  
20 this chapter, an applicant for the renewal of a license as a  
21 manufacturer, distributor or seller of gaming devices ~~for mobile~~  
22 ~~gaming systems~~ must indicate in the application submitted to the  
23 Commission whether the applicant has a state business license. If  
24 the applicant has a state business license, the applicant must include  
25 in the application the business identification number assigned by the  
26 Secretary of State upon compliance with the provisions of chapter  
27 76 of NRS.

28 2. A license as a manufacturer, distributor or seller of gaming  
29 devices ~~for mobile gaming systems~~ may not be renewed by the  
30 Commission if:

31 (a) The applicant fails to submit the information required by  
32 subsection 1; or

33 (b) The State Controller has informed the Commission pursuant  
34 to subsection 5 of NRS 353C.1965 that the applicant owes a debt to  
35 an agency that has been assigned to the State Controller for  
36 collection and the applicant has not:

37 (1) Satisfied the debt;

38 (2) Entered into an agreement for the payment of the debt  
39 pursuant to NRS 353C.130; or

40 (3) Demonstrated that the debt is not valid.

41 3. As used in this section:

42 (a) "Agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 353C.020.

43 (b) "Debt" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 353C.040.



**Sec. 13.** NRS 463.651 is hereby amended to read as follows:

463.651 1. A natural person who applies for the issuance or renewal of a license as a manufacturer, distributor or seller of gaming devices ~~for mobile gaming systems~~ shall submit to the Commission the statement prescribed by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 425.520. The statement must be completed and signed by the applicant.

2. The Commission shall include the statement required pursuant to subsection 1 in:

(a) The application or any other forms that must be submitted for the issuance or renewal of the license; or

(b) A separate form prescribed by the Commission.

3. A license as a manufacturer, distributor or seller of gaming devices ~~for mobile gaming systems~~ may not be issued or renewed by the Commission if the applicant is a natural person who:

(a) Fails to submit the statement required pursuant to subsection 1; or

(b) Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order.

4. If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order, the Commission shall advise the applicant to contact the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order to determine the actions that the applicant may take to satisfy the arrearage.

**Sec. 14.** NRS 463.652 is hereby amended to read as follows:

463.652 1. If the Commission receives a copy of a court order issued pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the suspension of all professional, occupational and recreational licenses, certificates and permits issued to a person who is the holder of a license as a manufacturer, distributor or seller of gaming devices, ~~for mobile gaming systems,~~ the Commission shall deem the license issued to that person to be suspended at the end of the 30th day after the date on which the court order was issued unless the Commission receives a letter issued to the holder of the license by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 stating that the holder of the license has complied with the



1 subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to  
2 NRS 425.560.

3 2. The Commission shall reinstate a license as a manufacturer,  
4 distributor or seller of gaming devices ~~[or mobile gaming systems]~~  
5 that has been suspended by a district court pursuant to NRS 425.540  
6 if the Commission receives a letter issued by the district attorney or  
7 other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the person whose  
8 license was suspended stating that the person whose license was  
9 suspended has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has  
10 satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.

11 **Sec. 15.** NRS 463.653 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 463.653 The application of a natural person who applies for the  
13 issuance of a license as a manufacturer, distributor or seller of  
14 gaming devices ~~[or mobile gaming systems]~~ must include the social  
15 security number of the applicant.

16 **Sec. 16.** NRS 463.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 463.670 1. The Legislature finds and declares as facts:

18 (a) That the inspection of games, gaming devices, associated  
19 equipment, cashless wagering systems, inter-casino linked systems  
20 ~~[, mobile gaming systems]~~ and interactive gaming systems is  
21 essential to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

22 (b) That the inspection of games, gaming devices, associated  
23 equipment, cashless wagering systems, inter-casino linked systems  
24 ~~[, mobile gaming systems]~~ and interactive gaming systems is greatly  
25 facilitated by the opportunity to inspect components before  
26 assembly and to examine the methods of manufacture.

27 (c) That the interest of this State in the inspection of games,  
28 gaming devices, associated equipment, cashless wagering systems,  
29 inter-casino linked systems ~~[, mobile gaming systems]~~ and  
30 interactive gaming systems must be balanced with the interest of  
31 this State in maintaining a competitive gaming industry in which  
32 games can be efficiently and expeditiously brought to the market.

33 2. The Commission may, with the advice and assistance of the  
34 Board, adopt and implement procedures that preserve and enhance  
35 the necessary balance between the regulatory and economic interests  
36 of this State which are critical to the vitality of the gaming industry  
37 of this State.

38 3. The Board may inspect every game or gaming device which  
39 is manufactured, sold or distributed:

40 (a) For use in this State, before the game or gaming device is put  
41 into play.

42 (b) In this State for use outside this State, before the game or  
43 gaming device is shipped out of this State.

44 4. The Board may inspect every game or gaming device which  
45 is offered for play within this State by a state gaming licensee.



1 5. The Board may inspect all associated equipment, every  
2 cashless wagering system, every inter-casino linked system ~~[, every~~  
3 ~~mobile gaming system]~~ and every interactive gaming system which  
4 is manufactured, sold or distributed for use in this State before the  
5 equipment or system is installed or used by a state gaming licensee  
6 and at any time while the state gaming licensee is using the  
7 equipment or system.

8 6. In addition to all other fees and charges imposed by this  
9 chapter, the Board may determine, charge and collect an inspection  
10 fee from each manufacturer, seller, distributor or independent  
11 testing laboratory which must not exceed the actual cost of  
12 inspection and investigation.

13 7. The Commission shall adopt regulations which:

14 (a) Provide for the registration of independent testing  
15 laboratories and of each person that owns, operates or has  
16 significant involvement with an independent testing laboratory,  
17 specify the form of the application required for such registration, set  
18 forth the qualifications required for such registration and establish  
19 the fees required for the application, the investigation of the  
20 applicant and the registration of the applicant.

21 (b) Authorize the Board to utilize independent testing  
22 laboratories for the inspection and certification of any game, gaming  
23 device, associated equipment, cashless wagering system, inter-  
24 casino linked system ~~[, mobile gaming system]~~ or interactive  
25 gaming system, or any components thereof.

26 (c) Establish uniform protocols and procedures which the Board  
27 and independent testing laboratories must follow during an  
28 inspection performed pursuant to subsection 3 or 5, and which  
29 independent testing laboratories must follow during the certification  
30 of any game, gaming device, associated equipment, cashless  
31 wagering system, inter-casino linked system ~~[, mobile gaming~~  
32 ~~system]~~ or interactive gaming system, or any components thereof,  
33 for use in this State or for shipment from this State.

34 (d) Allow an application for the registration of an independent  
35 testing laboratory to be granted upon the independent testing  
36 laboratory's completion of an inspection performed in compliance  
37 with the uniform protocols and procedures established pursuant to  
38 paragraph (c) and satisfaction of such other requirements that the  
39 Board may establish.

40 (e) Provide the standards and procedures for the revocation of  
41 the registration of an independent testing laboratory.

42 (f) Provide the standards and procedures relating to the filing of  
43 an application for a finding of suitability pursuant to this section and  
44 the remedies should a person be found unsuitable.



1 (g) Provide any additional provisions which the Commission  
2 deems necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of this  
3 section and which are consistent with the public policy of this State  
4 pursuant to NRS 463.0129.

5 8. The Commission shall retain jurisdiction over any person  
6 registered pursuant to this section and any regulation adopted  
7 thereto, in all matters relating to a game, gaming device, associated  
8 equipment, cashless wagering system, inter-casino linked system ~~[-~~  
9 ~~mobile gaming system]~~ or interactive gaming system, or any  
10 component thereof or modification thereto, even if the person ceases  
11 to be registered.

12 9. A person registered pursuant to this section is subject to the  
13 investigatory and disciplinary proceedings that are set forth in NRS  
14 463.310 to 463.318, inclusive, and shall be punished as provided in  
15 those sections.

16 10. The Commission may, upon recommendation of the Board,  
17 require the following persons to file an application for a finding of  
18 suitability:

19 (a) A registered independent testing laboratory.

20 (b) An employee of a registered independent testing laboratory.

21 (c) An officer, director, partner, principal, manager, member,  
22 trustee or direct or beneficial owner of a registered independent  
23 testing laboratory or any person that owns or has significant  
24 involvement with the activities of a registered independent testing  
25 laboratory.

26 11. If a person fails to submit an application for a finding of  
27 suitability within 30 days after a demand by the Commission  
28 pursuant to this section, the Commission may make a finding of  
29 unsuitability. Upon written request, such period may be extended by  
30 the Chair of the Commission, at the Chair's sole and absolute  
31 discretion.

32 12. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
33 requires, "independent testing laboratory" means a private  
34 laboratory that is registered by the Board to inspect and certify  
35 games, gaming devices, associated equipment, cashless wagering  
36 systems, inter-casino linked systems ~~[-, mobile gaming systems]~~ or  
37 interactive gaming systems, and any components thereof and  
38 modifications thereto, and to perform such other services as the  
39 Board and Commission may request.

40 **Sec. 17.** NRS 463.677 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 463.677 1. The Legislature finds that:

42 (a) Technological advances have evolved which allow licensed  
43 gaming establishments to expose games, including, without  
44 limitation, system-based and system-supported games, gaming  
45 devices, ~~[-, mobile gaming systems,]~~ interactive gaming, cashless





1 wagering systems or race books and sports pools, and to be assisted  
2 by a service provider who provides important services to the public  
3 with regard to the conduct and exposure of such games.

4 (b) To protect and promote the health, safety, morals, good  
5 order and general welfare of the inhabitants of this State, and to  
6 carry out the public policy declared in NRS 463.0129, it is necessary  
7 that the Board and Commission have the ability to license service  
8 providers by maintaining strict regulation and control of the  
9 operation of such service providers and all persons and locations  
10 associated therewith.

11 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the  
12 Commission may, with the advice and assistance of the Board,  
13 provide by regulation for the licensing and operation of a service  
14 provider and all persons, locations and matters associated therewith.  
15 Such regulations may include, without limitation:

16 (a) Provisions requiring the service provider to meet the  
17 qualifications for licensing pursuant to NRS 463.170, in addition to  
18 any other qualifications established by the Commission, and to be  
19 licensed regardless of whether the service provider holds any other  
20 license.

21 (b) Criteria regarding the location from which the service  
22 provider conducts its operations, including, without limitation,  
23 minimum internal and operational control standards established by  
24 the Commission.

25 (c) Provisions relating to the licensing of persons owning or  
26 operating a service provider, and any persons having a significant  
27 involvement therewith, as determined by the Commission.

28 (d) A provision that a person owning, operating or having  
29 significant involvement with a service provider, as determined by  
30 the Commission, may be required by the Commission to be found  
31 suitable to be associated with licensed gaming, including race book  
32 or sports pool operations.

33 (e) Additional matters which the Commission deems necessary  
34 and appropriate to carry out the provisions of this section and which  
35 are consistent with the public policy of this State pursuant to NRS  
36 463.0129, including that a service provider must be liable to the  
37 licensee on whose behalf the services are provided for the service  
38 provider's proportionate share of the fees and taxes paid by the  
39 licensee.

40 3. The Commission may not adopt regulations pursuant to this  
41 section until the Commission first determines that service providers  
42 are secure and reliable, do not pose a threat to the integrity of  
43 gaming and are consistent with the public policy of this State  
44 pursuant to NRS 463.0129.



1 4. Regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to this  
2 section must provide that the premises on which a service provider  
3 conducts its operations are subject to the power and authority of the  
4 Board and Commission pursuant to NRS 463.140, as though the  
5 premises are where gaming is conducted and the service provider is  
6 a gaming licensee.

7 5. As used in this section:

8 (a) "Interactive gaming service provider" means a person who  
9 acts on behalf of an establishment licensed to operate interactive  
10 gaming and:

11 (1) Manages, administers or controls wagers that are  
12 initiated, received or made on an interactive gaming system;

13 (2) Manages, administers or controls the games with which  
14 wagers that are initiated, received or made on an interactive gaming  
15 system are associated;

16 (3) Maintains or operates the software or hardware of an  
17 interactive gaming system; or

18 (4) Provides products, services, information or assets to an  
19 establishment licensed to operate interactive gaming and receives  
20 therefor a percentage of gaming revenue from the establishment's  
21 interactive gaming system.

22 (b) "Service provider" means a person who:

23 (1) Acts on behalf of another licensed person who conducts  
24 nonrestricted gaming operations, and who assists, manages,  
25 administers or controls wagers or games, or maintains or operates  
26 the software or hardware of games on behalf of such a licensed  
27 person, and is authorized to share in the revenue from games  
28 without being licensed to conduct gaming at an establishment;

29 (2) Is an interactive gaming service provider;

30 (3) Is a cash access and wagering instrument service  
31 provider; or

32 (4) Meets such other or additional criteria as the Commission  
33 may establish by regulation.

34 **Sec. 18.** NRS 465.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 465.070 It is unlawful for any person:

36 1. To alter or misrepresent the outcome of a game or other  
37 event on which wagers have been made after the outcome is made  
38 sure but before it is revealed to the players.

39 2. To place, increase or decrease a bet or to determine the  
40 course of play after acquiring knowledge, not available to all  
41 players, of the outcome of the game or any event that affects the  
42 outcome of the game or which is the subject of the bet or to aid  
43 anyone in acquiring such knowledge for the purpose of placing,  
44 increasing or decreasing a bet or determining the course of play  
45 contingent upon that event or outcome.



1 3. To claim, collect or take, or attempt to claim, collect or take,  
2 money or anything of value in or from a gambling game, with intent  
3 to defraud, without having made a wager contingent thereon, or to  
4 claim, collect or take an amount greater than the amount won.

5 4. Knowingly to entice or induce another to go to any place  
6 where a gambling game is being conducted or operated in violation  
7 of the provisions of this chapter, with the intent that the other person  
8 play or participate in that gambling game.

9 5. To place or increase a bet after acquiring knowledge of the  
10 outcome of the game or other event which is the subject of the bet,  
11 including past-posting and pressing bets.

12 6. To reduce the amount wagered or cancel the bet after  
13 acquiring knowledge of the outcome of the game or other event  
14 which is the subject of the bet, including pinching bets.

15 7. To manipulate, with the intent to cheat, any component of a  
16 gaming device in a manner contrary to the designed and normal  
17 operational purpose for the component, including, but not limited to,  
18 varying the pull of the handle of a slot machine, with knowledge  
19 that the manipulation affects the outcome of the game or with  
20 knowledge of any event that affects the outcome of the game.

21 8. To offer, promise or give anything of value to anyone for the  
22 purpose of influencing the outcome of a race, sporting event, contest  
23 or game upon which a wager may be made, or to place, increase or  
24 decrease a wager after acquiring knowledge, not available to the  
25 general public, that anyone has been offered, promised or given  
26 anything of value for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the  
27 race, sporting event, contest or game upon which the wager is  
28 placed, increased or decreased.

29 9. To change or alter the normal outcome of any game played  
30 on an interactive gaming system ~~[for a mobile gaming system]~~ or the  
31 way in which the outcome is reported to any participant in the game.

32 **Sec. 19.** NRS 465.094 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 465.094 The provisions of NRS 465.092 and 465.093 do not  
34 apply to global risk management pursuant to NRS 463.810 and  
35 463.820 or to a wager placed by a person for the person's own  
36 benefit or, without compensation, for the benefit of another that is  
37 accepted or received by, placed with, or sent, transmitted or relayed  
38 to:

39 1. A race book or sports pool that is licensed pursuant to  
40 chapter 463 of NRS, if the wager is accepted or received within this  
41 State and otherwise complies with all other applicable laws and  
42 regulations concerning wagering;

43 2. A person who is licensed to engage in off-track pari-mutuel  
44 wagering pursuant to chapter 464 of NRS, if the wager is accepted  
45 or received within this State and otherwise complies with subsection



1 3 of NRS 464.020 and all other applicable laws and regulations  
2 concerning wagering;

3 ~~3. [A person who is licensed to operate a mobile gaming  
4 system pursuant to chapter 463 of NRS, if the wager is accepted or  
5 received within this State and otherwise complies with all other  
6 applicable laws and regulations concerning wagering;~~

7 ~~—4.]~~ Any other person or establishment that is licensed to engage  
8 in wagering pursuant to title 41 of NRS, if the wager is accepted or  
9 received within this State and otherwise complies with all other  
10 applicable laws and regulations concerning wagering; or

11 ~~[5.]~~ 4. Any other person or establishment that is licensed to  
12 engage in wagering in another jurisdiction and is permitted to accept  
13 or receive a wager from patrons within this State under an  
14 agreement entered into by the Governor pursuant to NRS 463.747.

15 **Sec. 20.** NRS 463.0176, 463.730 and 463.735 are hereby  
16 repealed.

17 **Sec. 21.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

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### TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

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**463.0176 “Mobile gaming” defined.** “Mobile gaming” means the conduct of gambling games through communications devices operated solely in an establishment which holds a nonrestricted gaming license and which operates at least 100 slot machines and at least one other game by the use of communications technology that allows a person to transmit information to a computer to assist in the placing of a bet or wager and corresponding information related to the display of the game, game outcomes or other similar information. For the purposes of this section, “communications technology” means any method used and the components employed by an establishment to facilitate the transmission of information, including, without limitation, transmission and reception by systems based on wireless network, wireless fidelity, wire, cable, radio, microwave, light, optics or computer data networks. The term does not include the Internet.

**463.730 License required to operate, manufacture, sell or distribute mobile gaming system or to manufacture equipment associated with mobile gaming; powers and duties of Commission; regulations; conditions.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Commission may, with the advice and assistance of the Board,



adopt regulations governing the operation of mobile gaming and the licensing of:

- (a) An operator of a mobile gaming system;
- (b) A manufacturer, seller or distributor of a mobile gaming system; and
- (c) A manufacturer of equipment associated with mobile gaming.

2. The Commission may not adopt regulations pursuant to this section until the Commission first determines that:

(a) Mobile gaming systems are secure and reliable, and provide reasonable assurance that players will be of lawful age and communicating only from areas of licensed gaming establishments that have been approved by the Commission for that purpose; and

(b) Mobile gaming can be operated in a manner which complies with all applicable laws.

3. The regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to this section must:

(a) Provide that gross revenue received by a licensed gaming establishment or the operator or the manufacturer of a mobile gaming system from the operation of mobile gaming is subject to the same license fee provisions of NRS 463.370 as the other games and gaming devices operated at the licensed gaming establishment.

(b) Provide that a mobile communications device which displays information relating to the game to a participant in the game as part of a mobile gaming system is subject to the same fees and taxes applicable to slot machines as set forth in NRS 463.375 and 463.385.

(c) Set forth standards for the security of the computer system and its location, which may be outside a licensed gaming establishment but must be within this State, and for approval of hardware and software used in connection with mobile gaming.

(d) Define "mobile gaming system," "operator of a mobile gaming system" and "equipment associated with mobile gaming" as the terms are used in this chapter.

**463.735 Enforceability of mobile gaming debts.** A debt incurred by a patron in connection with playing a mobile gaming system at a licensed gaming establishment is valid and may be enforced by legal process.







