

Casino Operator Fined by PGCB for Underage Gambling Violation

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Board also suspends or revokes seven employee licenses and awards two local law enforcement grants

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board today assessed Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association d/b/a Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Court a fine of \$5,000 for permitting an underage person to play slot machines.

The fine stems from a July 20, 2008 incident where a 20-year-old entered the gaming floor and played slot machines for about 25 minutes before casino security personnel requested identification and found the person to be underage. At the time of the incident, Penn National permitted individuals 18 and older to be on the gaming floor but not play slot machines. This matter, however, has caused Penn National to alter their policy and ban all patrons under the age of 21 from being on the gaming floor. This similar policy is now in effect at all 7 operating casinos in Pennsylvania.

The Board also today suspended or revoked five non-gaming employee registrations and suspended or revoked two gaming employee permits where circumstances rendered the holder ineligible, unqualified or unsuitable to hold the registration under the standards and requirements of the Gaming Act.

In other business the Board approved two new grant requests totaling \$120,643.56 to local law enforcement agencies to fund programs designed to thwart the operation of illegal slot machines in the Commonwealth. The grants were:

\$41,569.56 - Hellertown Police Department in Northampton County

\$79,074.00 - Borough of Homestead Police Department in Allegheny County

The Board has now awarded 29 grants throughout the Commonwealth totaling \$3,247,890.86 under the program.

The Local Law Enforcement Grant program was approved by the legislature as part of the Gaming Act and permits up to \$5 million annually to be given to local law enforcement agencies to fund programs designed to thwart the operation of illegal slot machines in the Commonwealth. Maximum grants amounts are \$250,000 and the funding comes exclusively from revenues generated from licensed slot machine facilities.

Information and applications are available on the PGCB website at www.pgcb.state.pa.us.

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