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The _____ MICHIGAN GAMING _____ Newsletter



MICHIGAN LOTTERY GOES "LIVE" WITH ILOTTERY GAME SALES

Recently, the Michigan Lottery went live with its iLottery platform and Michigan residents can now buy and play lottery games on their mobile devices or personal computers. The release comes nine months after the Michigan Lottery received approval to enter into an agreement with Pollard Banknote Limited to provide the iLottery platform. In connection with the January approval, the state says sales are projected to increase the Michigan Lottery's contributions to the state School Aid Fund by about \$480 million over the next eight years.

In order to log onto the iLottery platform, a person needs to visit:

https://www.michiganlottery.com/about_online_games?ng_id=111977DA6EA82766&ng_token=1647709331

The registration process involves establishing an account; providing date of birth; confirmation of social security number; and cell phone number. Players can deposit funds using various payment methods including Visa and MasterCard.

The games include Keno and traditional lottery scratch off-tickets with prices ranging from \$0.50 to \$20.00.

The iLottery platform has various methods for obtaining deposits based upon the amount of money won on the website. The platform further includes an area in which patrons can set deposit limits and also voluntarily exclude themselves from being able to access the iLottery games.

The *Michigan Gaming Newsletter* website reached out to the Michigan Lottery for a comment on the iLottery platform. In response, a Lottery

spokesman has indicated that, as the iLottery platform is in beta test mode and will not “officially” launch until later in the year. The Lottery is not discussing further details of the project at this time.

MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RENEWS DETROIT CASINO LICENSES, REVISES MEETING SCHEDULE

In consecutive unanimous votes, the casino licenses for all three of the Detroit Casinos (Greektown, MGM Grand Detroit and MotorCity Casinos) were renewed by the Michigan Gaming Control Board (“MGCB”) during its September 9, 2014 regular public meeting. Under Section 6 of the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act, MCL 432.206, a casino license is issued for a one-year period. All casino licenses are renewable annually upon the payment of the license fee and the filing of an annual report that includes all information required under the MGCB’s Administrative Rules.

At its September 9th meeting, the MGCB also adopted a new regular public meeting schedule moving forward. Instead of meeting on or about the second Tuesday of every month (except for the months of January and July), as has been recognized meeting schedule, the MGCB will now change to holding its regular public meetings on or about the second Tuesday of every other month. During the discussion on this topic at the September 9th meeting, the Board members agreed that they may still need to be available for special meetings as circumstances warrant.

Accordingly, the next meeting of the MGCB will be held at 9:30 am on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at its Detroit office located in the Cadillac Place at 3062 West Grand Boulevard, Suite L-700, Detroit, MI 48202. A schedule of the MGCB regular public meetings can be found on the Board’s website at: http://www.michigan.gov/mgcb/0,4620,7-120-57615_57616---,00.html

GUN LAKE TRUST LAND REAFFIRMATION ACT PASSES CONGRESS, PRESENTED FOR PRESIDENT’S SIGNATURE

On Tuesday, September 16th, the U.S. House of Representatives passed [Senate Bill 1603](#) (S.1603), an act that would reaffirm the land upon which the Gun Lake Casino sits in Wayland, Michigan as “trust land” and further ratify and confirm the prior actions of the Secretary of the Interior in taking this land into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians (“Gun Lake Tribe”). S.1603, which is sponsored by Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), was previously passed by the Senate in June, 2014. This bill was presented to President Obama for his consideration on Thursday, September, 18th. The measure will become law if the President signs it or does not veto it within 10 days. There is no indication that the President intends to veto this bill.

S.1603 is aimed at resolving confusion over the status of the subject land following the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2009 decision in the matter of *Carcieri v Salazar*, which held that the Bureau of Indian Affairs can only approve decisions to take land into trust for tribes that were “under federal jurisdiction” as of 1934. As the Gun Lake Tribe was not federally recognized until 1999, lawsuits have been filed challenging the validity of the Gun Lake Casino, including the matter of *Patchak v Kempthorne* currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. S.1603 will likely obviate any further challenge to the Gun Lake Casino in this regard, as section 2(b) of the bill provides “[n]otwithstanding any other provision of law, an action (including an action pending in a Federal court as of the date of enactment of this Act) relating to the land described in subsection (a) shall not be filed or maintained in a Federal court and shall be promptly dismissed.”

GLOBAL GAMING EXPO TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 29 — STOP BY OUR BOOTH!

This year's Global Gaming Expo ("G2E") will officially begin on Monday, September 29, 2014, with the exhibit floor to be open Tuesday, September 30 through Thursday, October 2. The event will be held at the Sands Expo and Convention Center in Las Vegas.

The publishers of *The Michigan Gaming Newsletter* welcome and encourage any of our readership base that will be attending this year's event to stop by the RMC booth for a free gift. We will be located at booth no. 2930 on the exhibit hall floor. For more information please [click here](#).

Keynote speakers for the G2E include: Sheldon Adelson, Thomas Graf, Patti Hart, Jim Murren, Jamie Odell, and Steve Wynn.

"We're thrilled to bring together an impressive group of industry leaders who have helped to lead the growth of our industry into the economic engine it is today," said Geoff Freeman, president and CEO of the AGA. "We look forward to hearing from each of our speakers about how we can strengthen gaming in the years to come."

Mr. Adelson and Mr. Wynn will each deliver keynote addresses to G2E attendees on Tuesday, September 30 and Thursday, October 2, respectively. Additionally, G2E will offer supplier and operator State of the Industry conversations.

State of the Industry: Operations on Tuesday, September 30 will feature speakers: Jim Murren, Chairman and CEO of MGM Resorts International; and James Allen, CEO of Seminole Gaming and Chairman of Hard Rock International.

State of the Industry: Suppliers on Wednesday, October 1 will feature speakers: Patty Hart, CEO of IGT; Jamie Odell, CEO and managing director of Aristocrat Leisure Limited; Thomas Graf, CTO of Novomatic AG; David Baazov, CEO of Amaya; and Pat Ramsey, CEO of Multimedia Games.

This year's G2E floor will be its largest in five years, showcasing 450 exhibitors from around the world and feature conversations with industry

leaders on the most important industry topics.

G2E provides an in-depth look at new products, technologies, insights and innovations within the gaming industry and is attended by nearly 26,000 industry professionals from around the world.

To learn more about G2E, including full conference schedules, and how to register, please visit <http://www.globalgamingexpo.com/>