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# The \_\_\_\_\_ MICHIGAN GAMING \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter



## **MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RELEASES NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

The Michigan Gaming Control Board will hold a regular public meeting on Tuesday, **September 11, 2018**. The meeting will begin at **9:30 a.m.** with the staff briefing, followed immediately by the regular agenda items. [To view the Meeting Agenda please click here.](#)

The purpose of the Board meeting is to conduct Board business regarding the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of the *Michigan Gaming Control & Revenue Act*, as amended, Public Act 69 of 1997, MCL 432.201, et seq ("the Act"), related to the licensing, regulation and conduct of casino gaming in the City of Detroit.

The meeting is open to the public and questions, comments and suggestions from the public, regarding Board business and the licensing, regulation and conduct of casino gaming in Detroit under the Act, are welcomed and encouraged during the public comment portion of the meeting.

The meeting will be located at the MGCB Detroit office, Cadillac Place, 3062 West Grand Blvd., Suite L-700, Detroit. The Cadillac Place is in Detroit's New Center Area near the John Lodge Freeway (M-10), between Second Avenue and Cass Avenue. The Fisher Building and the Albert Kahn Building are nearby landmarks.

## **LANSING ADOPTS LOCAL ORDINANCE SEEKING TO CURB ILLEGAL GAMBLING OPERATIONS**

The [Lansing State Journal](#) reported on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, that the Lansing City Council adopted a new ordinance setting penalties for illegal gambling operations (90 days in Jail and a fine of no more than \$500). A similar

ordinance was initially proposed earlier this summer. That version went down to a vote of 4-1 on August 13<sup>th</sup>. However, sponsor City Council Member Adam Hussain continued to push the initiative and was ultimately successful.

Under provisions of the Ordinance, City of Lansing Police will now have the authority to investigate illegal gambling operations with the goal of preventing store front gambling operations from operating. Historically, the City of Lansing has relied exclusively on the Michigan Attorney General's office to enforce state gambling laws within the city limits. According to the Council Member the new Ordinance will provide another tool for local law enforcement.

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the Lansing Ordinance can email [jwilliams@rmclegal.com](mailto:jwilliams@rmclegal.com) for a copy.

## **US SENATORS SCHUMER AND HATCH WEIGH IN ON FEDERAL OVERSIGHT OF SPORTS WAGERING**

During the past two weeks, US Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and US Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) issued separate statements calling for a review of sports wagering in the United States post the decision by the US Supreme Court overturning the federal prohibition. Both Senators have called for the US Congress to examine whether implementation of a federal oversight system should be considered.

Below is a link to the comments made by Senator Hatch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=eanUCMgBMiU>

In addition, below you can find a position statement issued by Senator Schumer:

<https://www.americangaming.org/sites/default/files/Schumer%20Sports%20Betting%20Framework.pdf>

In response to the comments offered by the two senators, American Gaming Association Senior Vice President, Public Affairs Sara Slane issued the following statement regarding Senator Orrin Hatch's public comments on legalized sports betting.

"Federal oversight of sports betting was an abject failure, succeeding only in enabling the growth of a massive illegal market. The Supreme Court decision removed this unconstitutional federal overreach, allowing states and sovereign tribal nations - who have proven to be effective regulators of all gaming - to decide what works best for their constituents.

"The casino industry continues to work with lawmakers, regulators, sports leagues and law enforcement to ensure the proper protection for consumers and the integrity of bets and sporting contests are in place.

"AGA has been a leading voice on sports betting policy and we will continue to serve as a resource to policymakers like Senator Hatch and his colleagues to ensure the position of the gaming industry is properly represented."