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DISASSOCIATED PERSONS LIST REFORM AND MULTIJURISDICTIONAL POKER BILLS PASS MICHIGAN SENATE

Two gaming-related bills were passed by the Michigan Senate this week, including HB 4686, which will modify the disassociated persons list, and SB 991 to allow for multijurisdictional poker.

As previously reported in [Volume 26, Issue 34](#) of The Michigan Gaming Newsletter, [HB 4686](#) was introduced by Representative Ryan Berman in May 2019 to reform the disassociated persons list by modifying the current lifetime ban. As passed by both the House and Senate, HB 4686 allows an individual on the list to remove his name from the disassociated persons list after five years by submitting a form to the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB). After receiving the form, the MGCB will remove the person's name from the list and notify each casino, the Department of Attorney General, and the State Police of the change. The bill passed the House in March with a vote of 91 yeas and 1 nay, and passed the Senate on Wednesday, September 30, with a vote of 38 yeas and 0 nays with a 3/4 vote. HB 4686 saw strong support from both sides of the aisle. The bill was ordered that it be given immediate effect and was referred to the Clerk for enrollment printing and presentation to Governor Whitmer.

Upon receipt of an enrolled bill, the Governor has fourteen days to consider the bill. The Governor may sign bill, veto the bill, or not act on the bill and it becomes law fourteen days after the bill is presented to the Governor.

Assuming the bill becomes law, then the MGCB will be charged with developing a form for persons to petition to be removed from the life time bar from visiting a Detroit casino. The Michigan Gaming Newsletter will monitor this process and provide an update in a future issue providing information as to the process. Interested persons can monitor the [MGCB's website](#).

In addition, [SB 991](#) with S-1 substitute was also passed by the Senate on Thursday, October 1, with a vote of 36 yeas and 1 nay. SB 991 was introduced by Senator Curtis Hertel to amend the Lawful Internet Gaming Act, as to permit multijurisdictional poker in the State of Michigan. The bill would authorize the MGCB to enter into agreements with other jurisdictions, including Indian tribes, to facilitate and regulate multijurisdictional iGaming for poker. Under current law, Michigan residents are limited to playing exclusively with other Michigan residents in poker tournaments. The bill with the S-1 was transferred to the House where it was referred to the House Regulatory Reform Committee.

GUN LAKE CASINO LAUNCHES SPORTSBOOK

Gun Lake Casino is officially launching sports betting at its sportsbook, Stage 131 Sportsbook and Lounge, on Saturday, October 3. Gun Lake Casino partnered with Parx Casino in March to create the sports betting experience at Gun Lake Casino. Stage 131 Sportsbook and Lounge features a comfortable atmosphere with dozens of televisions, as well as many food and drink options.

“After much planning, we are thrilled to announce the official opening of Gun Lake Casino’s sportsbook will take place on Saturday, October 3 at 10 a.m.,” said Jose Flores, Vice President and General Manager of Gun Lake Casino. “Our dedication to provide an exceptional sports betting experience stems from our continued reputation of top quality entertainment. We have worked diligently to create a comfortable and exciting atmosphere within Stage 131 Sportsbook and Lounge for all guests interested in sports betting.”

“Parx Casino is thrilled to partner with Gun Lake Casino to power their retail sports betting business,” said Matthew Cullen, Senior Vice President of Interactive Gaming and Sports for Parx. “We’re excited to bring our expertise in exciting sports betting offerings, aggressive lines and intelligent risk management to the vast

Michigan customer base.”

Guests will have the opportunity to place bets on various sports, including professional and college football, hockey, baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, mixed martial arts, and tennis, among others. Guests can watch and wager on international sporting events as well. Bets may be placed at either the betting counter inside Stage 131 or at self-serve kiosks located throughout Gun Lake Casino.

“West Michigan will now have access to the best sports betting experience possible. Stage 131 Sportsbook and Lounge is fully staffed with sportsbook writers to support guests who are new to this entertainment option, welcoming all levels of experience to join in on the fun,” said Mr. Flores.

MICHIGAN LOTTERY GRANTS CONTRACT EXTENSION TO DIAMOND GAME

The Michigan Lottery awarded a two-year contract extension to Diamond Game, a subsidiary of Pollard Banknote Limited, for its Charitable Game Ticket Vending Machines. Diamond Game has been a supplier of the Vending Machines since 2015, and will continue to do so until September 10, 2022, under the renewed contract.

“We are pleased to be extending our agreement with the Michigan Lottery and are confident that our product will bring continued success generating additional revenues for non-profit organizations,” said Bill Breslo, President of Diamond Game. “We are excited to enter our fifth year of the program and look forward to continued collaboration with the Lottery to help achieve its objectives.”

Diamond Game designs, produces, and services games, gaming systems, and tickets for public gaming and charity gaming markets. Diamond Game is based out of Los Angeles, while Pollard Banknote is headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba.