

ARTICLE 6. LICENSING

5:12-80 General provisions

a. It shall be the affirmative responsibility of each applicant and licensee to establish by clear and convincing evidence his individual qualifications, and for a casino license the qualifications of each person who is required to be qualified under this act as well as the qualifications of the facility in which the casino is to be located.

b. Any applicant, licensee, registrant, or any other person who must be qualified pursuant to this act shall provide all information required by this act and satisfy all requests for information pertaining to qualification and in the form specified by the commission. All applicants, registrants, and licensees shall waive liability as to the State of New Jersey, and its instrumentalities and agents, for any damages resulting from any disclosure or publication in any manner, other than a willfully unlawful disclosure or publication, of any material or information acquired during inquiries, investigations or hearings.

c. All applicants, licensees, registrants, intermediary companies, and holding companies shall consent to inspections, searches and seizures and the supplying of handwriting exemplars as authorized by this act and regulations promulgated hereunder.

d. All applicants, licensees, registrants, and any other person who shall be qualified pursuant to this act shall have the continuing duty to provide any assistance or information required by the commission or division, and to cooperate in any inquiry or investigation conducted by the division and any inquiry, investigation, or hearing conducted by the commission. If, upon issuance of a formal request to answer or produce information, evidence or testimony, any applicant, licensee, registrant, or any other person who shall be qualified pursuant to this act refuses to comply, the application, license, registration or qualification of such person may be denied or revoked by the commission.

e. No applicant or licensee shall give or provide, offer to give or provide, directly or indirectly, any compensation or reward or any percentage or share of the money or property played or received through gaming or simulcast wagering activities, except as authorized by this act, in consideration for obtaining any license, authorization, permission or privilege to participate in any way in gaming or simulcast wagering operations.

f. Each applicant or person who must be qualified under this act shall be photographed and fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes in accordance with procedures established by the commission.

g. All licensees, all registrants, all persons required to be qualified under this act, and all persons employed by a casino service industry enterprise licensed pursuant to this act, shall have a duty to inform the commission or division of any action which they believe would constitute a violation of this act. No person who so informs the commission or the division shall be discriminated against by an applicant, licensee or registrant because of the supplying of such information.

h. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1995, c.18.)

L.1977, c. 110, § 80, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1979, c. 282, § 17, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1981, c. 503, § 9, eff. Feb. 15, 1982.

L.1991, c. 182, § 20, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1993, c. 292, § 12, eff. Dec. 21, 1993.

L.1995, c. 18, § 21, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2009, c. 36, § 6, eff. April 8, 2009.

5:12-81 Statement of compliance

a. (1) The commission may, in its discretion, issue a statement of compliance to an applicant for any license or for qualification status under this act at any time the commission is satisfied that the applicant has established by clear and convincing evidence that one or more particular eligibility criteria

have been satisfied by an applicant. A request for the issuance of a statement of compliance pursuant to this paragraph shall be initiated by the applicant filing a petition with the commission. Before the commission refers any such petition to the division for investigation, the commission may require the applicant to establish to the satisfaction of the commission that the applicant actually intends, if found qualified, to engage in the business or activity that would require the issuance of the license or the determination of qualification status.

(2) Any person who must be qualified pursuant to the "Casino Control Act," P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.) in order to hold the securities of a casino licensee or any holding or intermediary company of a casino licensee may, prior to the acquisition of any such securities, request the issuance of a statement of compliance by the commission that the person is qualified to hold such securities. Any request for the issuance of a statement of compliance pursuant to this paragraph shall be initiated by the person filing a petition with the commission in which the person shall be required to establish that there is a reasonable likelihood that, if qualified, the person will obtain and hold the securities of a casino licensee or any holding or intermediary company thereof to such extent as to require the qualification of the person. If the commission finds that this reasonable likelihood exists, and if the commission is satisfied, after an investigation by the division, that the qualifications of the person have been established by clear and convincing evidence, the commission may, in its discretion, issue a statement of compliance that the person is qualified to hold such securities. Any person who requests a statement of compliance pursuant to this paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of section 80 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-80) and shall pay for the costs of all investigations and proceedings in relation to the request unless the person provides to the commission an agreement with one or more casino licensees which states that the licensee or licensees will pay those costs.

(3) A statement of compliance shall not be issued indicating that

an applicant that is a corporation or other form of business organization has established by clear and convincing evidence its good character, honesty and integrity unless the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or the functional equivalent thereof; each director; each person who directly or indirectly holds any beneficial interest or ownership in the applicant, to the extent such person would be required to qualify under section 85 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-85) if the applicant were a holding company or intermediary company of a casino licensee; and any other person whom the commission may consider appropriate for approval or qualification, would, but for residence, individually be qualified for approval as a casino key employee pursuant to the provisions of section 89 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-89).

b. Any statement of compliance issued under P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.) shall specify:

(1) the particular eligibility criterion satisfied by the applicant or person;

(2) the date as of which such satisfaction was determined by the commission;

(3) the continuing obligation of the applicant or person to file any information required by the commission or division as part of any application for a license or qualification status, including information related to the eligibility criterion for which the statement of compliance was issued; and

(4) the obligation of the applicant or person to reestablish its satisfaction of the eligibility criterion should there be a change in any material fact or circumstance that is relevant to the eligibility criterion for which the statement of compliance was issued.

c. A statement of compliance certifying satisfaction of all of the requirements of subsection 84e. of this act with respect to a specific casino hotel proposal submitted by an eligible applicant may be accompanied by a written commitment from the commission that a casino license shall be

reserved for a period not to exceed 30 months or within such additional time period as the commission may, upon a showing of good cause therefor, establish and shall be issued to such eligible applicant with respect to such proposal provided that such applicant (1) complies in all respects with the provisions of this act, (2) qualifies for a casino license within a period not to exceed 30 months of the date of such commitment or within such additional time period as the commission may, upon a showing of good cause therefor, establish, and (3) complies with such other conditions as the commission shall impose. The commission may revoke such reservation at any time it finds that the applicant is disqualified from receiving or holding a casino license or has failed to comply with any conditions imposed by the commission. Such reservation shall be automatically revoked if the applicant does not qualify for a casino license within the period of such commitment. No license other than a casino license shall be reserved by the commission.

d. Any statement of compliance issued pursuant to this section shall be withdrawn by the commission if:

(1) the applicant or person otherwise fails to satisfy the standards for licensure or qualification;

(2) the applicant or person fails to comply with any condition imposed by the commission; or

(3) the commission finds cause to revoke the statement of compliance for any other reason.

e. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, unless otherwise extended by the commission upon application by the recipient and for good cause shown, any statement of compliance issued by the commission pursuant to this section shall expire 48 months after its date of issuance, unless the recipient also has received a commitment for the reservation of a casino license, in which case the statement of compliance shall expire on the same date as the commitment.

f. Any statement of compliance issued by the commission prior to the

effective date of this amendatory and supplementary act, P.L.2002, c.65, shall expire in accordance with the provisions of subsection e. of this section as if the statement had been issued on such effective date, unless the statement is otherwise extended, withdrawn or revoked prior to such date in accordance with the provisions of this section.

L.1977, c. 110, § 81. eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1978, c. 7, § 14, eff. Mar. 17, 1978.

L.1991, c. 182, § 21, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1995, c. 18, § 22, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2002, c. 65, § 13, eff. Aug. 14, 2002.

5:12-82 Casino license - applicant eligibility

a. No casino shall operate unless all necessary licenses and approvals therefor have been obtained in accordance with law.

b. Only the following persons shall be eligible to hold a casino license; and, unless otherwise determined by the commission with the concurrence of the Attorney General which may not be unreasonably withheld in accordance with subsection c. of this section, each of the following persons shall be required to hold a casino license prior to the operations of a casino in the casino hotel with respect to which the casino license has been applied for:

(1) Any person who either owns an approved casino hotel or owns or has a contract to purchase or construct a casino hotel which in the judgment of the commission can become an approved casino hotel within 30 months or within such additional time period as the commission may, upon a showing of good cause therefor, establish;

(2) Any person who, whether as lessor or lessee, either leases an approved casino hotel or leases or has an agreement to lease a casino hotel which in the judgment of the commission can become an approved casino hotel within 30 months or within such additional time period as the commission may, upon a showing of good cause therefor, establish;

(3) Any person who has a written agreement with a casino licensee or with an eligible applicant for a casino license for the complete management of a casino and, if applicable, any authorized games in a casino simulcasting facility; and

(4) Any other person who has control over either an approved casino hotel or the land thereunder or the operation of a casino.

c. Prior to the operation of a casino and, if applicable, a casino simulcasting facility, every agreement to lease an approved casino hotel or the land thereunder and every agreement for the management of the casino and, if applicable, any authorized games in a casino simulcasting facility, shall be in writing and filed with the commission. No such agreement shall be effective unless expressly approved by the commission. The commission may require that any such agreement include within its terms any provision reasonably necessary to best accomplish the policies of this act. Consistent with the policies of this act:

(1) The commission, with the concurrence of the Attorney General which may not be unreasonably withheld, may determine that any person who does not have the ability to exercise any significant control over either the approved casino hotel or the operation of the casino contained therein shall not be eligible to hold or required to hold a casino license;

(2) The commission, with the concurrence of the Attorney General which may not be unreasonably withheld, may determine that any owner, lessor or lessee of an approved casino hotel or the land thereunder who does not own or lease the entire approved casino hotel shall not be eligible to hold or required to hold a casino license;

(3) The commission shall require that any person or persons eligible to apply for a casino license organize itself or themselves into such form or forms of business association as the commission shall deem necessary or desirable in the circumstances to carry out the policies of this act;

(4) The commission may issue separate casino licenses to any persons eligible to apply therefor;

(5) As to agreements to lease an approved casino hotel or the land thereunder, unless it expressly and by formal vote for good cause determines otherwise, the commission shall require that each party thereto hold either a casino license or casino service industry enterprise license and that such an agreement be for a durational term exceeding 30 years, concern 100% of the entire approved casino hotel or of the land upon which same is located, and include within its terms a buy-out provision conferring upon the casino licensee-lessee who controls the operation of the approved casino hotel the absolute right to purchase for an expressly set forth fixed sum the entire interest of the lessor or any person associated with the lessor in the approved casino hotel or the land thereunder in the event that said lessor or said person associated with the lessor is found by the commission to be unsuitable to be associated with a casino enterprise;

(6) The commission shall not permit an agreement for the leasing of an approved casino hotel or the land thereunder to provide for the payment of an interest, percentage or share of money gambled at the casino or derived from casino gaming activity or of revenues or profits of the casino unless the party receiving payment of such interest, percentage or share is a party to the approved lease agreement; unless each party to the lease agreement holds either a casino license or casino service industry enterprise license and unless the agreement is for a durational term exceeding 30 years, concerns a significant portion of the entire approved casino hotel or of the land upon which same is located, and includes within its terms a buy-out provision conforming to that described in paragraph (5) above;

(7) As to agreements for the management of a casino and, if applicable, the authorized games in a casino simulcasting facility, the commission shall require that each party thereto hold a casino license, that the party thereto who is to manage the casino gaming operations own at least 10%

of all outstanding equity securities of any casino licensee or of any eligible applicant for a casino license if the said licensee or applicant is a corporation and the ownership of an equivalent interest in any casino licensee or in any eligible applicant for a casino license if same is not a corporation, and that such an agreement be for the complete management of all casino space in the casino hotel and, if applicable, all authorized games in a casino simulcasting facility, provide for the sole and unrestricted power to direct the casino gaming operations of the casino hotel which is the subject of the agreement, and be for such a durational term as to assure reasonable continuity, stability and independence in the management of the casino gaming operations, provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a slot system agreement between a group of casino licensees and a casino service industry enterprise licensed pursuant to subsection a. of section 92 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-92), or an eligible applicant for such license, and that, with regard to such agreements, the casino service industry enterprise licensee or applicant may operate and administer the multi-casino progressive slot machine system, including, but not limited to, the operation of a monitor room or the payment of progressive jackpots, including annuity jackpots, or both, and further provided that the obligation to pay a progressive jackpot or establish an annuity jackpot guarantee shall be the sole responsibility of the casino licensee or casino service industry enterprise licensee or applicant designated in the slot system agreement and that no other party shall be jointly or severally liable for the payment or funding of such jackpots or guarantees unless such liability is specifically established in the slot system agreement;

(8) The commission may permit an agreement for the management of a casino and, if applicable, the authorized games in a casino simulcasting facility to provide for the payment to the managing party of an interest, percentage or share of money gambled at all authorized games or derived from casino gaming activity or of revenues or profits of casino gaming operations;

(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.) to the contrary, the commission may permit an agreement between a casino licensee and a casino service industry enterprise licensed pursuant to the provisions of subsection a. of section 92 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-92) for the conduct of casino simulcasting in a simulcasting facility or for the operation of a multi-casino progressive slot machine system, to provide for the payment to the casino service industry enterprise of an interest, percentage or share of the money derived from the casino licensee's share of proceeds from simulcast wagering activity or the operation of a multi-casino progressive slot machine system; and

(10) As to agreements to lease an approved casino hotel or the land thereunder, agreements to jointly own an approved casino hotel or the land thereunder and agreements for the management of casino gaming operations or for the conduct of casino simulcasting in a simulcasting facility, the commission shall require that each party thereto, except for a banking or other chartered or licensed lending institution or any subsidiary thereof, or any chartered or licensed life insurance company or property and casualty insurance company, or the State of New Jersey or any political subdivision thereof or any agency or instrumentality of the State or any political subdivision thereof, shall be jointly and severally liable for all acts, omissions and violations of this act by any party thereto regardless of actual knowledge of such act, omission or violation and notwithstanding any provision in such agreement to the contrary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this paragraph shall require a casino licensee to be jointly and severally liable for any acts, omissions or violations of this act, P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.), committed by any casino service industry enterprise licensee or applicant performing as a slot system operator pursuant to a slot system agreement.

d. No corporation shall be eligible to apply for a casino license unless:

(1) The corporation shall be incorporated in the State of New Jersey, although such corporation may be a wholly or partially owned subsidiary of a

corporation which is organized pursuant to the laws of another state of the United States or of a foreign country;

(2) The corporation shall maintain an office of the corporation in the casino hotel licensed or to be licensed;

(3) The corporation shall comply with all the requirements of the laws of the State of New Jersey pertaining to corporations;

(4) The corporation shall maintain a ledger in the principal office of the corporation in New Jersey which shall at all times reflect the current ownership of every class of security issued by the corporation and shall be available for inspection by the commission or the division and authorized agents of the commission and the division at all reasonable times without notice;

(5) The corporation shall maintain all operating accounts required by the commission in a bank in New Jersey, except that a casino licensee may establish deposit-only accounts in any jurisdiction in order to obtain payment of any check described in section 101 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-101);

(6) The corporation shall include among the purposes stated in its certificate of incorporation the conduct of casino gaming and provide that the certificate of incorporation includes all provisions required by this act;

(7) The corporation, if it is not a publicly traded corporation, shall file with the commission such adopted corporate charter provisions as may be necessary to establish the right of prior approval by the commission with regard to transfers of securities, shares, and other interests in the applicant corporation; and, if it is a publicly traded corporation, provide in its corporate charter that any securities of such corporation are held subject to the condition that if a holder thereof is found to be disqualified by the commission pursuant to the provisions of this act, such holder shall dispose of his interest in the corporation; provided, however, that, notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S. 14A:7-12 and N.J.S. 12A:8-101 et seq., nothing herein shall be deemed to require that any security of such corporation bear any legend to this effect;

(8) The corporation, if it is not a publicly traded corporation, shall establish to the satisfaction of the commission that appropriate charter provisions create the absolute right of such nonpublicly traded corporations and companies to repurchase at the market price or the purchase price, whichever is the lesser, any security, share or other interest in the corporation in the event that the commission disapproves a transfer in accordance with the provisions of this act;

(9) Any publicly traded holding, intermediary, or subsidiary company of the corporation, whether the corporation is publicly traded or not, shall contain in its corporate charter the same provisions required under paragraph (7) for a publicly traded corporation to be eligible to apply for a casino license; and

(10) Any nonpublicly traded holding, intermediary or subsidiary company of the corporation, whether the corporation is publicly traded or not, shall establish to the satisfaction of the commission that its charter provisions are the same as those required under paragraphs (7) and (8) for a nonpublicly traded corporation to be eligible to apply for a casino license.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any corporation or company which had bylaw provisions approved by the commission prior to the effective date of this 1987 amendatory act shall have one year from the effective date of this 1987 amendatory act to adopt appropriate charter provisions in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

The provisions of this subsection shall apply with the same force and effect with regard to casino license applicants and casino licensees which have a legal existence that is other than corporate to the extent which is appropriate.

e. No person shall be issued or be the holder of a casino license if the issuance or the holding results in undue economic concentration in Atlantic City casino operations by that person. The commission shall, after conducting public hearings thereon, promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.)

defining the criteria the commission will use in determining what constitutes undue economic concentration. For the purpose of this subsection a person shall be considered the holder of a casino license if such license is issued to such person or if such license is held by any holding, intermediary or subsidiary company thereof, or by any officer, director, casino key employee or principal employee of such person, or of any holding, intermediary or subsidiary company thereof.

L.1977, c. 110, § 82, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1978, c. 7, § 15, eff. Mar. 17, 1978.

L.1979, c. 282, § 18, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1987, c. 355, § 4, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1987, c. 410, § 6, eff. Jan. 14, 1988.

L.1991, c. 182, § 22, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1993, c. 121, § 1, eff. May 27, 1993.

L.1995, c. 18, § 23, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.1996, c. 84, § 3, eff. July 25, 1996.

L.2003, c. 116, § 1, eff. July 1, 2003.

L.2004, c. 184, § 6, eff. Dec. 22, 2004.

L.2009, c. 36, § 7, eff. April 8, 2009.

5:12-83 Approved hotel

a. An approved hotel for purposes of this act shall be a hotel providing facilities in accordance with this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the commission to determine the suitability of facilities as provided in this act, and nothing in this section shall be construed to require a casino to be smaller than the maximum size herein provided.

b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2002, c.65).

c. A casino hotel shall include an approved hotel containing at least 500 qualifying sleeping units, as defined in section 27 of the "Casino Control Act," P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-27), and a casino, the total square footage of which shall not exceed 60,000 square feet, except that for each additional 100

qualifying sleeping units above 500, the maximum amount of the casino space may be increased by 10,000 square feet, up to a maximum of 200,000 square feet of casino space. For the purpose of increasing casino space, an agreement approved by the commission for the addition of qualifying sleeping units within two years after the commencement of gaming operations in the additional casino space shall be deemed an addition of those sleeping units, but if the agreement is not fulfilled due to conditions within the control of the casino licensee, the casino licensee shall close the additional casino space or any portion thereof as directed by the commission.

d. Once a hotel is initially approved, the commission shall thereafter rely on the certification of the casino licensee with regard to the number of qualifying sleeping units and shall permit replacement, rehabilitation, renovation and alteration of any part of the approved hotel even if the replacement, rehabilitation, renovation, or alteration will mean that the casino licensee does not temporarily meet the requirements of subsection c. so long as the licensee certifies that the replacement, rehabilitation, renovation, or alteration shall be completed within one year or such other reasonable period of time as the commission may approve.

e. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1987, c. 352.)

f. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1991, c. 182.)

g. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1991, c. 182.)

h. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1991, c. 182.)

i. The commission shall not impose any criteria or requirements regarding the contents of the approved hotel in addition to the criteria and requirements expressly specified in the "Casino Control Act," P.L. 1977, c.110 (C. 5:12-1 et seq.); provided, however, that the commission shall be authorized to require each casino licensee to establish and maintain an approved hotel which is in all respects a superior, first-class facility of exceptional quality which will help restore Atlantic City as a resort, tourist and convention destination.

L.1977, c. 110, § 83, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1979, c. 282, § 19, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1987, c. 352, § 1, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1991, c. 182, § 23, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1992, c. 9, § 6, eff. May 19, 1992.

L.1993, c. 159, § 11, eff. June 20, 1993.

L.1993, c. 292, § 13, eff. Dec. 21, 1993.

L.1995, c. 18, § 24, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.1996, c. 84, § 4, eff. July 25, 1996.

L.2002, c. 65, § 14, eff. Aug. 14, 2002.

5:12-84 Casino license - applicant requirements

Any applicant for a casino license must produce information, documentation and assurances concerning the following qualification criteria:

a. Each applicant shall produce such information, documentation and assurances concerning financial background and resources as may be required to establish by clear and convincing evidence the financial stability, integrity and responsibility of the applicant, including but not limited to bank references, business and personal income and disbursement schedules, tax returns and other reports filed with governmental agencies, and business and personal accounting and check records and ledgers. In addition, each applicant shall, in writing, authorize the examination of all bank accounts and records as may be deemed necessary by the commission or the division.

b. Each applicant shall produce such information, documentation and assurances as may be necessary to establish by clear and convincing evidence the integrity of all financial backers, investors, mortgagees, bond holders, and holders of indentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, either in effect or proposed, which bears any relation to the casino proposal submitted by the applicant or applicants; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to banking or other licensed lending institutions exempted from the qualification requirements of subsections c. and d. of section 85 of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C).

5:12-85) and institutional investors waived from the qualification requirements of those subsections pursuant to the provisions of subsection f. of section 85 of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-85). Any such banking or licensed lending institution or institutional investor shall, however, produce for the commission or the division upon request any document or information which bears any relation to the casino proposal submitted by the applicant or applicants. The integrity of financial sources shall be judged upon the same standards as the applicant. In addition, the applicant shall produce whatever information, documentation or assurances as may be required to establish by clear and convincing evidence the adequacy of financial resources both as to the completion of the casino proposal and the operation of the casino.

c. Each applicant shall produce such information, documentation and assurances as may be required to establish by clear and convincing evidence the applicant's good character, honesty and integrity. Such information shall include, without limitation, information pertaining to family, habits, character, reputation, criminal and arrest record, business activities, financial affairs, and business, professional and personal associates, covering at least the 10-year period immediately preceding the filing of the application. Each applicant shall notify the commission of any civil judgments obtained against any such applicant pertaining to antitrust or security regulation laws of the federal government, of this State or of any other state, jurisdiction, province or country. In addition, each applicant shall produce letters of reference from law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in the applicant's place of residence and principal place of business, which letters of reference shall indicate that such law enforcement agencies do not have any pertinent information concerning the applicant, or if such law enforcement agency does have information pertaining to the applicant, shall specify what the information is. If the applicant has conducted gaming operations in a jurisdiction which permits such activity, the applicant shall produce letters of reference from the gaming or casino enforcement or control agency which shall specify the

experiences of such agency with the applicant, his associates, and his gaming operation; provided, however, that if no such letters are received within 60 days of request therefor, the applicant may submit a statement under oath that he is or was during the period such activities were conducted in good standing with such gaming or casino enforcement or control agency.

d. Each applicant shall produce such information, documentation and assurances as may be required to establish by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant has sufficient business ability and casino experience as to establish the likelihood of creation and maintenance of a successful, efficient casino operation. The applicant shall produce the names of all proposed casino key employees as they become known and a description of their respective or proposed responsibilities, and a full description of security systems and management controls proposed for the casino and related facilities.

e. Each applicant shall produce such information, documentation and assurances to establish to the satisfaction of the commission the suitability of the casino and related facilities subject to subsection i. of section 83 of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-83) and its proposed location will not adversely affect casino operations. Each applicant shall submit an impact statement which shall include, without limitation, architectural and site plans which establish that the proposed facilities comply in all respects with the requirements of this act and the requirements of the master plan and zoning and planning ordinances of Atlantic City, without any use variance from the provisions thereof; a market impact study which analyzes the adequacy of the patron market and the effect of the proposal on such market and on the existing casino facilities licensed under this act; and an analysis of the effect of the proposal on the overall economic and competitive conditions of Atlantic City and the State of New Jersey.

f. For the purposes of this section, each applicant shall submit to the division the applicant's name, address, fingerprints and written consent for a

criminal history record background check to be performed. The division is hereby authorized to exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record information from the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with applicable State and federal laws, rules and regulations. The applicant shall bear the cost for the criminal history record background check, including all costs of administering and processing the check. The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the division in the event a current or prospective licensee, who was the subject of a criminal history record background check pursuant to this section, is arrested for a crime or offense in this State after the date the background check was performed.

L.1977, c. 110, § 84, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1979, c. 282, § 20, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1987, c. 352, § 2, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1987, c. 410, § 7, eff. Jan. 14, 1988.

L.1991, c. 182, § 25, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1995, c. 18, § 25, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2003, c. 199, § 5, eff. Dec. 24, 2003.

L.2009, c. 36, § 8, eff. April 8, 2009.

5:12-85 Additional requirements

a. In addition to other information required by this act, a corporation applying for a casino license shall provide the following information:

(1) The organization, financial structure and nature of all businesses operated by the corporation; the names and personal employment and criminal histories of all officers, directors and principal employees of the corporation; the names of all holding, intermediary and subsidiary companies of the corporation; and the organization, financial structure and nature of all businesses operated by such of its holding, intermediary and subsidiary companies as the commission may require, including names and personal employment and criminal histories of such officers, directors and principal

employees of such corporations and companies as the commission may require;

(2) The rights and privileges acquired by the holders of different classes of authorized securities of such corporations and companies as the commission may require, including the names, addresses and amounts held by all holders of such securities;

(3) The terms upon which securities have been or are to be offered;

(4) The terms and conditions of all outstanding loans, mortgages, trust deeds, pledges or any other indebtedness or security devices utilized by the corporation;

(5) The extent of the equity security holding in the corporation of all officers, directors and underwriters, and their remuneration in the form of salary, wages, fees or otherwise;

(6) Names of persons other than directors and officers who occupy positions specified by the commission or whose compensation exceeds an amount determined by the commission, and the amount of their compensation;

(7) A description of all bonus and profit-sharing arrangements;

(8) Copies of all management and service contracts; and

(9) A listing of stock options existing or to be created.

b. If a corporation or other form of business organization applying for a casino license is, or if a corporation or other form of business organization holding a casino license is to become, a subsidiary, each holding company, intermediary company, and other entity required to be qualified with respect thereto must, as a condition of the said subsidiary acquiring or retaining such license, as the case may be:

(1) Establish by clear and convincing evidence that it meets the standards set forth in subsections a., c., and d. of section 84 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-84) as if it were itself applying for a casino license, and the standards, but for residence, required for approval as a casino key employee pursuant to

the provisions of this act in accordance with subsections c., d. and e. of this section, as applicable; and

(2) Qualify to do business in the State of New Jersey; and

(3) If it is a corporation, register with the commission and furnish the commission with all the information required of a corporate licensee as specified in subsection a. (1), (2) and (3) of this section and such other information as the commission may require; or

(4) If it is not a corporation, register with the commission and furnish the commission with such information as the commission may prescribe.

c. No corporation shall be eligible to hold a casino license unless each officer; each director; each person who directly or indirectly holds any beneficial interest or ownership of the securities issued by the corporation; any person who in the opinion of the commission has the ability to control the corporation or elect a majority of the board of directors of that corporation, other than a banking or other licensed lending institution which makes a loan or holds a mortgage or other lien acquired in the ordinary course of business; each principal employee; and any lender, underwriter, agent, employee of the corporation, or other person whom the commission may consider appropriate for approval or qualification would, but for residence, individually be qualified for approval as a casino key employee pursuant to the provisions of this act.

d. No corporation or other form of business organization which is a subsidiary shall be eligible to receive or hold a casino license unless each holding and intermediary company with respect thereto:

(1) If it is a corporation, shall comply with the provisions of subsection c. of this section as if said holding or intermediary company were itself applying for a casino license; provided, however, that the commission with the concurrence of the director may waive compliance with the provisions of subsection c. hereof on the part of a holding company as to any officer, director, lender, underwriter, agent or employee thereof, or person directly or

indirectly holding a beneficial interest or ownership of the securities of such corporation, where the commission and the director are satisfied that such officer, director, lender, underwriter, agent or employee is not significantly involved in the activities of the corporate licensee, and in the case of security holders, does not have the ability to control the holding company or elect one or more directors thereof; or

(2) If it is not a corporation, shall comply with the provisions of subsection e. of this section as if said company were itself applying for a casino license; provided, however, that the commission with the concurrence of the director may waive compliance with the provisions of subsection e. of this section on the part of a noncorporate business organization which is a holding company as to any person who directly or indirectly holds any beneficial interest or ownership in such company, when the commission and the director are satisfied that such person does not have the ability to control the company.

e. Any noncorporate applicant for a casino license shall provide the information required in subsection a. of this section in such form as may be required by the commission. No such applicant shall be eligible to hold a casino license unless each person who directly or indirectly holds any beneficial interest or ownership in the applicant, or who in the opinion of the commission has the ability to control the applicant, or whom the commission may consider appropriate for approval or qualification, would, but for residence, individually be qualified for approval as a casino key employee pursuant to the provisions of this act.

f. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections c. and d. of this section, and in the absence of a prima facie showing by the director that there is any cause to believe that the institutional investor may be found unqualified, an institutional investor holding either (1) under 10% of the equity securities of a casino licensee's holding or intermediary companies, or (2) debt securities of a casino licensee's holding or intermediary companies, or another subsidiary company of a casino licensee's holding or intermediary companies which is

related in any way to the financing of the casino licensee, where the securities represent a percentage of the outstanding debt of the company not exceeding 20%, or a percentage of any issue of the outstanding debt of the company not exceeding 50%, shall be granted a waiver of qualification if such securities are those of a publicly traded corporation and its holdings of such securities were purchased for investment purposes only and upon request by the commission it files with the commission a certified statement to the effect that it has no intention of influencing or affecting the affairs of the issuer, the casino licensee or its holding or intermediary companies; provided, however, that it shall be permitted to vote on matters put to the vote of the outstanding security holders. The commission may grant a waiver of qualification to an institutional investor holding a higher percentage of such securities upon a showing of good cause and if the conditions specified above are met. Any institutional investor granted a waiver under this subsection which subsequently determines to influence or affect the affairs of the issuer shall provide not less than 30 days' notice of such intent and shall file with the commission an application for qualification before taking any action that may influence or affect the affairs of the issuer; provided, however, that it shall be permitted to vote on matters put to the vote of the outstanding security holders. If an institutional investor changes its investment intent, or if the commission finds reasonable cause to believe that the institutional investor may be found unqualified, no action other than divestiture shall be taken by such investor with respect to its security holdings until there has been compliance with the provisions of P.L.1987, c. 409 (C. 5:12-95.12 et seq.), including the execution of a trust agreement. The casino licensee and its relevant holding, intermediary or subsidiary company shall immediately notify the commission and the division of any information about, or actions of, an institutional investor holding its equity or debt securities where such information or action may impact upon the eligibility of such institutional investor for a waiver pursuant to this subsection.

g. If at any time the commission finds that an institutional investor holding any security of a holding or intermediary company of a casino licensee, or, where relevant, of another subsidiary company of a holding or intermediary company of a casino licensee which is related in any way to the financing of the casino licensee, fails to comply with the terms of subsection f. of this section, or if at any time the commission finds that, by reason of the extent or nature of its holdings, an institutional investor is in a position to exercise such a substantial impact upon the controlling interests of a licensee that qualification of the institutional investor is necessary to protect the public interest, the commission may, in accordance with the provisions of subsections a. through e. of this section or subsections d. and e. of section 105 of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-105), take any necessary action to protect the public interest, including requiring such an institutional investor to be qualified pursuant to the provisions of the "Casino Control Act," P.L.1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-1 et seq.).

L.1977, c. 110, § 85, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1979, c. 282, § 21, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1985, c. 350, § 3, eff. Jan. 6, 1986.

L.1987, c. 354, § 9, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1991, c. 182, § 26, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.2002, c. 65, § 15, eff. Aug. 14, 2002.

L.2009, c. 36, § 9, eff. April 8, 2009.

5:12-86 Casino license-disqualification criteria

The commission shall deny a casino license to any applicant who is disqualified on the basis of any of the following criteria:

- a. Failure of the applicant to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant is qualified in accordance with the provisions of this act;
- b. Failure of the applicant to provide information, documentation and assurances required by the act or requested by the commission, or failure of the applicant to reveal any fact material to qualification, or the supplying of

information which is untrue or misleading as to a material fact pertaining to the qualification criteria;

c. The conviction of the applicant, or of any person required to be qualified under this act as a condition of a casino license, of any offense in any jurisdiction which would be:

(1) Any of the following offenses under the "New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice," P.L. 1978, c. 95 (Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes) as amended and supplemented:

all crimes of the first degree;

N.J.S. 2C:5-1 (attempt to commit an offense which is listed in this subsection);

N.J.S. 2C:5-2 (conspiracy to commit an offense which is listed in this subsection);

N.J.S. 2C:11-4b. (manslaughter);

N.J.S. 2C:12-1b. (aggravated assault which constitutes a crime of the second or third degree);

N.J.S. 2C:13-1 (kidnapping);

N.J.S. 2C:14-1 et seq. (sexual offenses which constitute crimes of the second or third degree);

N.J.S. 2C:15-1 (robberies);

N.J.S. 2C:17-1a. and b. (crimes involving arson and related offenses);

N.J.S. 2C:17-2a. and b. (causing or risking widespread injury or damage);

N.J.S. 2C:18-2 (burglary which constitutes a crime of the second degree);

N.J.S. 2C:20-1 et seq. (theft and related offenses which constitute crimes of the second or third degree);

N.J.S. 2C:21-1 et seq. (forgery and fraudulent practices which constitute crimes of the second or third degree);

N.J.S. 2C:27-1 et seq. (bribery and corrupt influence);

N.J.S. 2C:28-1 et seq. (perjury and other falsification in official matters

which constitute crimes of the second, third or fourth degree);

N.J.S. 2C:30-2 and N.J.S. 2C:30-3 (misconduct in office and abuse in office which constitutes a crime of the second degree);

N.J.S. 2C:35-5 (manufacturing, distributing or dispensing a controlled dangerous substance or a controlled dangerous substance analog which constitutes a crime of the second or third degree);

N.J.S. 2C:35-6 (employing a juvenile in a drug distribution scheme);

N.J.S. 2C:35-7 (distributing, dispensing or possessing a controlled dangerous substance or a controlled substance analog on or within 1,000 feet of school property or bus);

N.J.S. 2C:35-11 (distribution, possession or manufacture of imitation controlled dangerous substances);

N.J.S. 2C:35-13 (acquisition of controlled dangerous substances by fraud);

N.J.S. 2C:37-1 et seq. (gambling offenses which constitute crimes of third or fourth degree);

N.J.S. 2C:37-7 (possession of a gambling device); or

(2) Any other offense under present New Jersey or federal law which indicates that licensure of the applicant would be inimical to the policy of this act and to casino operations; provided, however, that the automatic disqualification provisions of this subsection shall not apply with regard to any conviction which did not occur within the 10-year period immediately preceding application for licensure and which the applicant demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence does not justify automatic disqualification pursuant to this subsection and any conviction which has been the subject of a judicial order of expungement or sealing;

d. Current prosecution or pending charges in any jurisdiction of the applicant or of any person who is required to be qualified under this act as a condition of a casino license, for any of the offenses enumerated in subsection c. of this section; provided, however, that at the request of the applicant or the

person charged, the commission shall defer decision upon such application during the pendency of such charge;

e. The pursuit by the applicant or any person who is required to be qualified under this act as a condition of a casino license of economic gain in an occupational manner or context which is in violation of the criminal or civil public policies of this State, if such pursuit creates a reasonable belief that the participation of such person in casino operations would be inimical to the policies of this act or to legalized gaming in this State. For purposes of this section, occupational manner or context shall be defined as the systematic planning, administration, management, or execution of an activity for financial gain;

f. The identification of the applicant or any person who is required to be qualified under this act as a condition of a casino license as a career offender or a member of a career offender cartel or an associate of a career offender or career offender cartel in such a manner which creates a reasonable belief that the association is of such a nature as to be inimical to the policy of this act and to gaming operations. For purposes of this section, career offender shall be defined as any person whose behavior is pursued in an occupational manner or context for the purpose of economic gain, utilizing such methods as are deemed criminal violations of the public policy of this State. A career offender cartel shall be defined as any group of persons who operate together as career offenders;

g. The commission by the applicant or any person who is required to be qualified under this act as a condition of a casino license of any act or acts which would constitute any offense under subsection c. of this section, even if such conduct has not been or may not be prosecuted under the criminal laws of this State or any other jurisdiction or has been prosecuted under the criminal laws of this State or any other jurisdiction and such prosecution has been terminated in a manner other than with a conviction; and

h. Contumacious defiance by the applicant or any person who is

required to be qualified under this act of any legislative investigatory body or other official investigatory body of any state or of the United States when such body is engaged in the investigation of crimes relating to gaming, official corruption, or organized crime activity.

L.1977, c. 110, § 86, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1979, c. 282, § 22, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1987, c. 354, § 10, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1991, c. 182, § 27, eff. June 29, 1991.

5:12-87 Investigation of applicants for casino licenses; order approving or denying license

a. Upon the filing of an application for a casino license and such supplemental information as the commission may require, the commission shall request the division to conduct such investigation into the qualification of the applicant, and the commission shall conduct a hearing thereon concerning the qualification of the applicant in accordance with its regulations.

b. After such investigation and hearing, the commission may either deny the application or grant a casino license to an applicant whom it determines to be qualified to hold such license.

c. The commission shall have the authority to deny any application pursuant to the provisions of this act. When an application is denied, the commission shall prepare and file an order denying such application with the general reasons therefor, and if requested by the applicant, shall further prepare and file a statement of the reasons for the denial, including the specific findings of facts.

d. After an application is submitted to the commission, final action of the commission shall be taken within 90 days after completion of all hearings and investigations and the receipt of all information required by the commission.

e. If satisfied that an applicant is qualified to receive a casino license, and upon tender of all license fees and taxes as required by law and regulations of the commission, and such bonds as the commission may require for the faithful performance of all requirements imposed by law or regulations, the commission shall issue a casino license for the term of 1 year.

f. The commission shall fix the amount of the bond or bonds to be required under this section in such amounts as it may deem appropriate, by rules of uniform application. The bonds so furnished may be applied by the commission to the payment of any unpaid liability of the licensee under this act. The bond shall be furnished in cash or negotiable securities, by a surety bond guaranteed by a satisfactory guarantor, or by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a banking institution of this State acceptable to the commission. If furnished in cash or negotiable securities, the principal shall be placed without restriction at the disposal of the commission, but any income shall inure to the benefit of the licensee.

L.1977, c. 110, § 87, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1978, c. 7, § 16, eff. Mar. 17, 1978.

L.1979, c. 282, § 23, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

5:12-88 Renewal of casino licenses

a. Subject to the power of the commission to deny, revoke, or suspend licenses, any casino license in force shall be renewed by the commission for the next succeeding license period upon proper application for renewal and payment of license fees and taxes as required by law and the regulations of the commission. The license period for a casino license renewed after April 30, 2004, shall be up to five years, but the commission may reopen licensing hearings at any time. In addition, the commission shall reopen licensing hearings at any time at the request of the division. The commission shall act upon any such application prior to the date of expiration of the current license.

b. Application for renewal shall be filed with the commission no later than 120 days prior to the expiration of the current license, and all license fees and taxes as required by law shall be paid to the commission on or before the date of expiration of the current license.

c. Upon renewal of any license the commission shall issue an appropriate renewal certificate or validating device or sticker which shall be attached to each casino license.

L.1977, c. 110, § 88, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1987, c. 348, § 1, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1987, c. 354, § 11, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1991, c. 182, § 28, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1995, c. 18, § 26, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2005, c. 31, § 1, eff. Feb. 17, 2005, oper. Apr. 30, 2005.

5:12-89 Licensing of casino key employees

a. No person may be employed as a casino key employee unless he is the holder of a valid casino key employee license issued by the commission.

b. Each applicant must, prior to the issuance of any casino key employee license, produce information, documentation and assurances concerning the following qualification criteria:

(1) Each applicant for a casino key employee license shall produce such information, documentation and assurances as may be required to establish by clear and convincing evidence the financial stability, integrity and responsibility of the applicant, including but not limited to bank references, business and personal income and disbursements schedules, tax returns and other reports filed with governmental agencies, and business and personal accounting and check records and ledgers. In addition, each applicant shall, in writing, authorize the examination of all bank accounts and records as may be deemed necessary by the commission or the division.

(2) Each applicant for a casino key employee license shall produce such information, documentation and assurances as may be required to establish by clear and convincing evidence the applicant's good character, honesty and integrity. Such information shall include, without limitation, data pertaining to family, habits, character, reputation, criminal and arrest record, business activities, financial affairs, and business, professional and personal associates, covering at least the 10-year period immediately preceding the filing of the application. Each applicant shall notify the commission of any civil judgments obtained against such applicant pertaining to antitrust or security regulation laws of the federal government, of this State or of any other state, jurisdiction, province or country. In addition, each applicant shall, upon request of the commission or the division, produce letters of reference from law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in the applicant's place of residence and principal place of business, which letters of reference shall indicate that such law enforcement agencies do not have any pertinent information concerning the applicant, or if such law enforcement agency does have information pertaining to the applicant, shall specify what that information is. If the applicant has been associated with gaming or casino operations in any capacity, position or employment in a jurisdiction which permits such activity, the applicant shall, upon request of the commission or division, produce letters of reference from the gaming or casino enforcement or control agency, which shall specify the experience of such agency with the applicant, his associates and his participation in the gaming operations of that jurisdiction; provided, however, that if no such letters are received from the appropriate law enforcement agencies within 60 days of the applicant's request therefor, the applicant may submit a statement under oath that he is or was during the period such activities were conducted in good standing with such gaming or casino enforcement or control agency.

(3) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1995, c.18.)

(4) Each applicant shall be a resident of the State of New Jersey prior to the issuance of a casino key employee license; provided, however, that upon petition by the holder of a casino license, the commission may waive this residency requirement for any applicant whose particular position will require him to be employed outside the State.

The commission may also, by regulation, require that all applicants for casino key employee licenses be residents of this State for a period not to exceed six months immediately prior to the issuance of such license, but application may be made prior to the expiration of the required period of residency. The commission shall, by resolution, waive the required residency period for an applicant upon a showing that the residency period would cause undue hardship upon the casino licensee which intends to employ said applicant, or upon a showing of other good cause.

(5) For the purposes of this section, each applicant shall submit to the division the applicant's name, address, fingerprints and written consent for a criminal history record background check to be performed. The division is hereby authorized to exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record information from the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with applicable State and federal laws, rules and regulations. The applicant shall bear the cost for the criminal history record background check, including all costs of administering and processing the check. The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the division in the event a current or prospective licensee, who was the subject of a criminal history record background check pursuant to this section, is arrested for a crime or offense in this State after the date the background check was performed.

c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1995, c.18.)

d. The commission shall deny a casino key employee license to any applicant who is disqualified on the basis of the criteria contained in section 86 of this act.

e. Upon petition by the holder of a casino license, the commission may issue a temporary license to an applicant for a casino key employee license, provided that:

(1) The applicant for the casino key employee license has filed a complete application as required by the commission;

(2) The division either certifies to the commission that the completed casino key employee license application as specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection has been in the possession of the division for at least 15 days or agrees to allow the commission to consider the application in some lesser time;

(3) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1995, c.18.)

(4) The petition for a temporary casino key employee license certifies, and the commission finds, that an existing casino key employee position of the petitioner is vacant or will become vacant within 60 days of the date of the petition and that the issuance of a temporary key employee license is necessary to fill the said vacancy on an emergency basis to continue the efficient operation of the casino, and that such circumstances are extraordinary and not designed to circumvent the normal licensing procedures of this act;

(5) The division does not object to the issuance of the temporary casino key employee license.

In the event that an applicant for a casino key employee license is the holder of a valid casino employee license issued pursuant to section 90 of this act, and if the provisions of paragraphs (1), (2), and (5) of this subsection are satisfied, the commission may issue a temporary casino key employee license upon petition by the holder of a casino license, if the commission finds the issuance of a casino key employee license will be delayed by necessary investigations and the said temporary casino key employee license is necessary for the operation of the casino.

Unless otherwise terminated pursuant to this act, any temporary casino key employee license issued pursuant to this subsection shall expire nine months from the date of its issuance.

L.1977, C. 110, § 89, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1978, c. 7, § 17, eff. Oct. 1, 1978.

L.1979, c. 282, § 24, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1981, c. 195, § 1, eff. July 8, 1981.

L.1981, c. 503, § 10, eff. Jan. 12, 1982.

L.1983, c. 41, § 5, eff. Jan. 27, 1983.

L.1987, c. 354, § 12, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1987, c. 410, § 8, eff. Jan. 14, 1988.

L.1993, c. 292, § 14, eff. Dec. 21, 1993.

L.1995, c. 18, § 27, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2003, c. 199, § 6, eff. Dec. 24, 2003.

L.2009, c. 36, § 10, eff. April 8, 2009.

5:12-90 Licensing of casino employees

a. No person may commence employment as a casino employee unless he is the holder of a valid casino employee license.

b. Any applicant for a casino employee license must, prior to the issuance of any such license, produce sufficient information, documentation and assurances to meet the qualification criteria, including New Jersey residency, contained in subsection b. of section 89 of this act and any additional residency requirement imposed under subsection c. of this section.

c. The commission may, by regulation, require that all applicants for casino employee licenses be residents of this State for a period not to exceed six months immediately prior to the issuance of such license, but application may be made prior to the expiration of the required period of residency. The commission shall, by resolution, waive the required residency period for an applicant upon a showing that the residency period would cause undue hardship upon the casino licensee which intends to employ said applicant, or upon a showing of other good cause.

d. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1995, c.18.)

e. The commission shall deny a casino employee license to any applicant who is disqualified on the basis of the criteria contained in section 86 of this act.

f. For the purposes of this section, casino security employees shall be considered casino employees and must, in addition to any requirements under other laws, be licensed in accordance with the provisions of this act.

g. Upon petition by the holder of a casino license, a temporary license may be issued by the commission to an applicant for a casino employee license provided that:

(1) the applicant for the casino employee license has filed a complete application as required by the commission;

(2) the division either certifies to the commission that the completed casino employee license application as specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection has been in the possession of the division for at least 15 days or agrees to allow the commission to consider the application in some lesser time;

(3) the petition for a temporary casino employee license certifies, and the commission finds, that the issuance of a plenary license will be restricted by necessary investigations, and the temporary licensing of the applicant is necessary for the operation of the casino and is not designed to circumvent the normal licensing procedures of the "Casino Control Act"; and

(4) the division does not object to the issuance of the temporary casino employee license.

Unless otherwise terminated pursuant to this act, a temporary license issued pursuant to this subsection shall expire six months from the date of its issuance and be renewable, at the discretion of the commission, for one additional six month period.

h. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection e. of this section, no applicant shall be denied a casino employee license on the basis of a conviction

of any of the offenses enumerated in this act as disqualification criteria or the commission of any act or acts which would constitute any offense under subsection c. of section 86 of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-86), as specified in subsection g. of that section; provided that the applicant has affirmatively demonstrated his rehabilitation. In determining whether the applicant has affirmatively demonstrated his rehabilitation the commission shall consider the following factors:

- (1) The nature and duties of the position applied for;
- (2) The nature and seriousness of the offense or conduct;
- (3) The circumstances under which the offense or conduct occurred;
- (4) The date of the offense or conduct;
- (5) The age of the applicant when the offense or conduct was committed;
- (6) Whether the offense or conduct was an isolated or repeated incident;
- (7) Any social conditions which may have contributed to the offense or conduct;
- (8) Any evidence of rehabilitation, including good conduct in prison or in the community, counseling or psychiatric treatment received, acquisition of additional academic or vocational schooling, successful participation in correctional work-release programs, or the recommendation of persons who have or have had the applicant under their supervision.

i. For the purposes of this section, each applicant shall submit to the division the applicant's name, address, fingerprints and written consent for a criminal history record background check to be performed. The division is hereby authorized to exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record information from the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with applicable State and federal laws, rules and regulations. The applicant shall

bear the cost for the criminal history record background check, including all costs of administering and processing the check. The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the division in the event a current or prospective licensee, who was the subject of a criminal history record background check pursuant to this section, is arrested for a crime or offense in this State after the date the background check was performed.

L.1977, c. 110, § 90, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1978, c. 7, § 18, eff. Oct. 1, 1978.

L.1979, c. 282, § 25, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1980, c. 28, § 5, eff. May 20, 1980, oper. May 14, 1981.

L.1981, c. 195, § 2, eff. July 8, 1981.

L.1981, c. 503, § 11, eff. Jan. 12, 1982.

L.1987, c. 354, § 13, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1991, c. 182, § 29, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1993, c. 292, § 15, eff. Dec. 21, 1993.

L.1995, c. 18, § 28, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2003, c. 199, § 7, eff. Dec. 24, 2003.

L.2009, c. 36, § 11, eff. April 8, 2009.

5:12-91 Registration of casino service employees

a. No person may commence employment as a casino service employee unless the person has been registered with the commission, which registration shall be in accordance with subsection f. of this section.

b. Any applicant for casino service employee registration shall produce such information as the commission may require. Subsequent to the registration of a casino service employee, the commission may revoke, suspend, limit, or otherwise restrict the registration upon a finding that the registrant is disqualified on the basis of the criteria contained in section 86 of P.L.1977, c. 110 CC. 5:12-86). If a casino service employee registrant has not been employed in any position within a casino hotel facility for a period of three years, the registration of that casino service employee shall lapse.

c. The commission may, by regulation, require that all applicants for casino service employee registration be residents of this State for a period not to exceed three months immediately prior to such registration, but application may be made prior to the expiration of the required period of residency. The commission shall waive the required residency period for an applicant upon a showing that the residency period would cause undue hardship upon the casino licensee which intends to employ said applicant, or upon a showing of other good cause.

d. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of this section no casino service employee registration shall be revoked on the basis of a conviction of any of the offenses enumerated in this act as disqualification criteria or the commission of any act or acts which would constitute any offense under subsection c. of section 86 of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-86), as specified in subsection g. of that section, provided that the registrant has affirmatively demonstrated the registrant's rehabilitation. In determining whether the registrant has affirmatively demonstrated the registrant's rehabilitation the commission shall consider the following factors:

- (1) The nature and duties of the registrant's position;
- (2) The nature and seriousness of the offense or conduct;
- (3) The circumstances under which the offense or conduct occurred;
- (4) The date of the offense or conduct;
- (5) The age of the registrant when the offense or conduct was committed;
- (6) Whether the offense or conduct was an isolated or repeated incident;
- (7) Any social conditions which may have contributed to the offense or conduct;
- (8) Any evidence of rehabilitation, including good conduct in prison or in the community, counseling or psychiatric treatment received,

acquisition of additional academic or vocational schooling, successful participation in correctional work-release programs, or the recommendation of persons who have or have had the registrant under their supervision.

e. The commission may waive any disqualification criterion for a casino service employee consistent with the public policy of this act and upon a finding that the interests of justice so require.

f. Upon petition by the holder of a casino license, casino service employee registration shall be granted to each applicant for such registration named therein, provided that the petition certifies that each such applicant has filed a completed application for casino service employee registration as required by the commission.

All casino hotel employee registrations shall expire 120 days after the effective date of this amendatory and supplementary act, P.L.2002, c.65. Any holder of a casino hotel employee registration may until that date convert that registration to a casino service employee registration without fee.

g. For the purposes of this section, each applicant shall submit to the division the applicant's name, address, fingerprints and written consent for a criminal history record background check to be performed. The division is hereby authorized to exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record information from the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with applicable State and federal laws, rules and regulations. The applicant shall bear the cost for the criminal history record background check, including all costs of administering and processing the check. The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the division in the event a current or prospective licensee, who was the subject of a criminal history record background check pursuant to this section, is arrested for a crime or offense in this State after the date the background check was performed.

L.1977, c. 110, § 91, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1978, c. 7, § 19, eff. Oct. 1, 1978.
L.1979, c. 282, § 26, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.
L.1980, c. 28, § 6, eff. May 20, 1980.
L.1980, c. 161, § 1, eff. Dec. 1, 1980, oper. May 14, 1981.
L.1981, c. 503, § 12, eff. Feb. 15, 1982.
L.1987, c. 354, § 14, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.
L.1991, c. 182, § 30, eff. June 29, 1991.
L.1995, c. 18, § 29, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.
L.2002, c. 65, § 16, eff. Aug. 14, 2002.
L.2003, c. 199, § 8, eff. Dec. 24, 2003.
L.2009, c. 36, § 12, eff. April 8, 2009, oper. July 7, 2009.

5:12-92 Licensing of casino service industry enterprises

a. (1) Any business to be conducted with a casino applicant or licensee by a vendor offering goods or services which directly relate to casino or gaming activity, including gaming equipment and simulcast wagering equipment manufacturers, suppliers, repairers and independent testing laboratories, shall be considered regular or continuing and shall require that the vendor be licensed as a casino service industry enterprise in accordance with the provisions of this act prior to conducting any business whatsoever with a casino applicant or licensee, its employees or agents; provided, however, that upon a showing of good cause by a casino applicant or licensee for each business transaction, the commission may permit an applicant for a casino service industry enterprise license to conduct business transactions with such casino applicant or licensee prior to the licensure of that casino service industry enterprise applicant under this subsection.

(2) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection, any casino service industry enterprise intending to manufacture, sell, distribute, test or repair slot machines within New Jersey, other than antique slot machines as defined in N.J.S.2C:37-7, shall be licensed in accordance with the provisions of this act prior to engaging in any such activities; provided, however, that upon a showing of good cause by a casino

applicant or licensee for each business transaction, the commission may permit an applicant for a casino service industry enterprise license to conduct business transactions with the casino applicant or licensee prior to the licensure of that casino service industry enterprise applicant under this subsection; and provided further, however, that upon a showing of good cause by an applicant required to be licensed as a casino service industry enterprise pursuant to this paragraph, the commission may permit the casino service industry enterprise applicant to initiate the manufacture of slot machines or engage in the sale, distribution, testing or repair of slot machines with any person other than a casino applicant or licensee, its employees or agents, prior to the licensure of that casino service industry enterprise applicant under this subsection.

b. Each casino service industry enterprise included in subsection a. of this section, as well as its owners; management and supervisory personnel; and principal employees if such principal employees have responsibility for services to a casino applicant or licensee, must qualify under the standards, except residency, established for qualification of a casino key employee under this act.

c. (1) Any vendor that offers goods or services to a casino applicant or licensee that are not included in subsection a. of this section including, without limitation, construction companies, vending machine providers, linen suppliers, junket enterprises, garbage handlers, maintenance companies, limousine services, food purveyors and suppliers of alcoholic beverages, shall be required to apply for a casino service industry enterprise license when, based upon the dollar amount of business being conducted with casino applicants or licensees or other factors established by the rules of the commission, licensure is deemed necessary to protect the public interest and the policies of this act, P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.).

The rules of the commission shall require that each casino service industry enterprise required to be licensed pursuant to this

subsection, as well as such of its owners, management, supervisory personnel, and principal employees with responsibility for services to a casino applicant or licensee as the commission may direct, shall establish by clear and convincing evidence their good character, honesty and integrity.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the commission may, consistent with the public interest and the policies of this act, direct by regulation that vendors engaging in certain types of business with a casino applicant or licensee not included in subsection a. of this section be required to apply for a casino service industry enterprise license pursuant to this subsection regardless of the dollar amount of that business, including, without limitation, non-casino applicants or licensees required to hold a Casino Hotel Alcoholic Beverage license pursuant to section 103 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-103); in-State and out-of-State sending tracks as defined in section 2 of the "Casino Simulcasting Act," P.L.1992, c.19 (C.5:12-192); shopkeepers located within the approved hotels; and gaming schools that possess slot machines for the purpose of instruction.

(3) The commission may exempt any person or field of commerce from the licensing requirements of this subsection if the person or field of commerce demonstrates (i) that it is regulated by a public agency that determines whether a person subject to its jurisdiction possesses good character, honesty and integrity; or (ii) that it is a publicly traded corporation or a wholly owned subsidiary, either directly or indirectly, of a publicly traded corporation, and that the amount of revenue received by the person from all casino applicants and licensees within the 12 month period in which the greatest amount of casino business was conducted by the person seeking exemption is less than one tenth of one percent of all revenues received by the person and its holding and intermediary companies during the same 12 month period, and that licensing is not deemed necessary in order to protect the public interest or to accomplish the policies

established by this act. The commission shall periodically review this threshold to determine whether it should be adjusted for inflation or any other relevant factor consistent with the policies of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.).

Upon granting an exemption or at any time thereafter, the commission may limit or place such restrictions thereupon as it may deem necessary in the public interest, and shall require the exempted person to cooperate with the commission and the division and, upon request, to provide information in the same manner as required of a casino service industry enterprise licensed pursuant to this subsection; provided, however, that no exemption be granted unless the casino service industry enterprise complies with the requirements of sections 134 and 135 of this act.

d. Licensure pursuant to subsection c. of this section of any casino service industry enterprise may be denied to any applicant or qualifier thereof disqualified in accordance with the criteria contained in section 86 of this act, except that licensure or qualification shall not be denied if such disqualified applicant or qualifier can affirmatively demonstrate rehabilitation as provided in subsection h. of section 90 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-90).

e. No casino service industry enterprise license shall be issued pursuant to subsection a. or subsection c. of this section to any person unless that person shall provide proof of valid business registration with the Division of Revenue in the Department of the Treasury.

f. A casino service industry enterprise licensed pursuant to subsection a. or subsection c. of this section shall require proof, from a subcontractor to a casino service industry enterprise contract with a casino applicant or casino licensee, of valid business registration with the Division of Revenue; verification information shall be forwarded by the casino service industry enterprise to the Division of Revenue in the Department of the Treasury. No subcontract to a casino service industry enterprise contract with a casino applicant or casino licensee shall be entered into by any casino service industry enterprise

contractor unless the subcontractor first provides proof of valid business registration.

g. For the purposes of this section, each applicant shall submit to the division the name, address, fingerprints and a written consent for a criminal history record background check to be performed, for each person required to qualify as part of the application. The division is hereby authorized to exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record information from the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with applicable State and federal laws, rules and regulations. The applicant shall bear the cost for the criminal history record background check, including all costs of administering and processing the check. The Division of State Police shall promptly notify the division in the event a current or prospective qualifier, who was the subject of a criminal history record background check pursuant to this section, is arrested for a crime or offense in this State after the date the background check was performed.

L.1977, c. 110, § 92, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1978, c. 7, § 20, eff. Mar. 17, 1978.

L.1979, c. 282, § 27, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1980, c. 28, § 7, eff. May 20, 1980, oper. May 14, 1981.

L.1981, c. 195, § 3, eff. July 8, 1981.

L.1981, c. 503, § 13, eff. Jan. 12, 1982.

L.1982, c. 57, § 2, eff. July 6, 1982.

L.1987, c. 355, § 5, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1992, c. 9, § 92, eff. May 19, 1992.

L.1995, c. 18, § 30, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2001, c. 134, § 2, eff. June 29, 2001.

L.2002, c. 65, § 17, eff. Aug. 14, 2002.

L.2009, c. 36, § 13, eff. April 8, 2009.

5:12-93 Registration of labor organizations

a. Each labor organization, union or affiliate seeking to represent

employees who are employed in a casino hotel, casino or casino simulcasting facility by a casino licensee shall register with the commission biennially, and shall disclose such information to the commission as the commission may require, including the names of all affiliated organizations, pension and welfare systems and all officers and agents of such organizations and systems; provided, however, that no labor organization, union, or affiliate shall be required to furnish such information to the extent such information is included in a report filed by any labor organization, union, or affiliate with the Secretary of Labor pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 431 et seq. or § 1001 et seq. if a copy of such report, or of the portion thereof containing such information, is furnished to the commission pursuant to the aforesaid federal provisions. The commission may in its discretion exempt any labor organization, union, or affiliate from the registration requirements of this subsection where the commission finds that such organization, union or affiliate is not the certified bargaining representative of any employee who is employed in a casino hotel, casino or casino simulcasting facility by a casino licensee, is not involved actively, directly or substantially in the control or direction of the representation of any such employee, and is not seeking to do so.

b. No person may act as an officer, agent or principal employee of a labor organization, union or affiliate registered or required to be registered pursuant to this section if the person has been found disqualified by the commission in accordance with the criteria contained in section 86 of that act. The commission may, for purposes of this subsection, waive any disqualification criterion consistent with the public policy of this act and upon a finding that the interests of justice so require.

c. Neither a labor organization, union or affiliate nor its officers and agents not otherwise individually licensed or registered under this act and employed by a casino licensee may hold any financial interest whatsoever in the casino hotel, casino or casino simulcasting facility or casino licensee whose employees they represent.

d. Any person, including any labor organization, union or affiliate, who shall violate, aid and abet the violation, or conspire or attempt to violate this section is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

e. The commission or the division may maintain a civil action and proceed in a summary manner, without posting bond, against any person, including any labor organization, union or affiliate, to compel compliance with this section, or to prevent any violations, the aiding and abetting thereof, or any attempt or conspiracy to violate this section.

f. In addition to any other remedies provided in this section, a labor organization, union or affiliate registered or required to be registered pursuant to this section may be prohibited by the commission from receiving any dues from any employee licensed or registered under that act and employed by a casino licensee or its agent, if any officer, agent or principal employee of the labor organization, union or affiliate has been found disqualified and if such disqualification has not been waived by the commission in accordance with subsection b. of this section. The commission or the division may proceed in the manner provided by subsection e. of this section to enforce an order of the commission prohibiting the receipt of dues.

g. Nothing contained in this section shall limit the power of the commission to proceed in accordance with subsection c. of section 107 of P.L., 1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-107).

L.1977, c. 110, § 93, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1981, c. 503, § 14, eff. Feb. 15, 1982.

L.1987, c. 355, § 6, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1995, c. 18, § 31, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2002, c. 65, § 18, eff. Aug. 14, 2002.

**5:12-94 Approval and denial of registrations and licenses other than
casino licenses**

a. Upon the filing of an application for any license or registration required by this act, other than a casino license, and after submission of such supplemental information as the commission may require, the commission shall request the division to conduct such investigation into the qualification of the applicant, and the commission shall conduct such hearings concerning the qualification of the applicant, in accordance with its regulations, as may be necessary to determine qualification for such license or registration.

b. After such investigation, the commission may either deny the application or grant a license to or accept the registration of an applicant whom it determines to be qualified to hold such license or registration.

c. The commission shall have the authority to deny any application pursuant to the provisions of this act. When an application is denied, the commission shall prepare and file its order denying such application with the general reasons therefor, and if requested by the applicant, shall further prepare and file a statement of the reasons for the denial, including the specific findings of fact.

d. When the commission grants an application, the commission may limit or place such restrictions thereupon as it may deem necessary in the public interest. Casino service employee registration shall, upon issuance, remain in effect unless revoked, suspended, limited, or otherwise restricted by the commission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a casino service employee registrant has not been employed in any position within a casino hotel facility for a period of three years, the registration of that casino service employee shall lapse. Licenses may be granted and renewed as follows:

(1) All casino employee licenses, casino service industry enterprise licenses issued pursuant to subsection c. of section 92 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-92), and junket representative and junket enterprise licenses issued pursuant to section 102 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-102) shall be issued for an initial term of four years, and may be renewed for subsequent terms of five years each; and

(2) All casino key employee licenses and casino service industry enterprise licenses required pursuant to subsection a. of section 92 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-92) shall be issued for an initial term of three years, and may be renewed for subsequent terms of five years each.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the commission shall reconsider the granting of any license or the approval of any registration at any time at the request of the division.

e. After an application is submitted to the commission, final action of the commission shall be taken within 90 days after completion of all hearings and investigations and the receipt of all information required by the commission.

f. A complete application for the renewal of a casino employee or casino key employee license shall be filed with the commission no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the month in which the current license term expires.

L.1977, c. 110, § 94, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1979, c. 282, § 28, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1980, c. 28, § 8, eff. May 20, 1980, oper. May 14, 1981.

L.1981, c. 503, § 15, eff. Feb. 15, 1982.

L.1983, c. 41, § 6, eff. Jan. 27, 1983.

L.1987, c. 354, § 15, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.1991, c. 182, § 31, eff. June 29, 1991.

L.1993, c. 292, § 16, eff. Dec. 21, 1993.

L.1995, c. 18, § 32, eff. Jan. 25, 1995.

L.2005, c. 31, § 2, eff. Feb. 17, 2005, oper. Apr. 30, 2005.

L.2009, c. 36, § 14, eff. April 8, 2009, oper. July 7, 2009.

5:12-95 Renewal of licenses and registrations

Subject to the power of the commission to deny, revoke or suspend any license or registration, any license other than a casino license or any registration may be renewed upon proper application for renewal and the payment of fees in accordance with the rules of the commission, but in no

event later than the date of expiration of the current license or registration.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in order to facilitate the efficient operation of the commission and the division, the commission shall have the authority, with the concurrence of the director of the division, to extend the period of any license other than a casino license, but in no event shall the expiration date be extended for more than two years.

L.1977, c. 110, § 95, eff. June 2, 1977.

Amended by:

L.1979, c. 282, § 29, eff. Jan. 9, 1980.

L.1987, c. 354, § 16, eff. Jan. 4, 1988.

L.2002, c. 65, § 19, eff. Aug. 14, 2002.