

CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

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Inactive casino employee registrations set to expire

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If you hold a Casino Service Employee registration but you haven't worked in a casino for more than three years, your registration will expire on July 7.

A recent change to the Casino Control Act that goes into effect that day allows casino service industry registrations held by thousands of people to expire if the person has not worked for a casino hotel for three years.

"This change will allow us to take more than 16,500 names out of our database right away and even more as time goes on," Casino Control Commission Chair Linda M Kassekert said.

Casino service employees are people whose job requires them to have access to the casino floor, but the job is not gaming related. For example, bartenders, bar porters, cocktail servers and maintenance workers need casino service employee registrations. Prior to the change in the law, the registration was good for life.

"This will increase efficiency for both the Casino Control Commission and the Division of Gaming Enforcement," Kassekert said. She explained that the regulators have to monitor all of the registrants to make sure they continue to qualify to hold a registration. If one of these individuals gets indicted or convicted of a serious crime, the division has to petition the commission to suspend and revoke the registration.

"By eliminating more than half of the people in our casino service industry database, we can redirect regulatory resources and focus on the people who are actually working in our casino hotels," Kassekert said. She added that on a monthly basis the commission will review its database to identify and remove people who have not been in the industry for three years. The commission chair said the change should not have any significant impact on the people whose registrations expire.

“They haven’t been working for a casino for at least three years and many of them have been inactive for much longer than that. We believe the overwhelming majority of them have gone on to other things in their lives and may no longer be interested in working for a casino hotel,” she said.

“Of course, if any of those people want to return to the gaming industry in the future, they can come in and apply for a new Casino Service Employee registration,” she said.

The change will have no impact on anyone currently employed by a casino hotel. If a person holds a casino service employee registration but is working in a position where that registration is not required, that registration will remain valid. If the person leaves the casino industry, his or her registration will expire three years from that date.