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## **Division of Gaming Enforcement Announces Initiative to Publish Jackpot Wins**

ATLANTIC CITY — The Division of Gaming Enforcement today announced the implementation of a new initiative for the publication of slot machine jackpots over \$75,000 won in Atlantic City. Beginning September 1, 2012, the jackpots will be published on the Division's web-site on a bi-weekly basis. The information displayed will include the date of the jackpot, casino, amount, denomination and a description of the slot machine played.

The Casino Control Act requires the Division's involvement in any slot machine jackpot over \$75,000. The Technical Services Bureau at the Division is responsible for the oversight and certification of these jackpots. Division Director David Rebeck said, "The publication of these jackpots is seen as the next step for increasing public awareness of our regulations and to share statistics that have been compiled as a result of those regulations."

Since 2009, 730 jackpots totaling over \$136 million dollars have been paid to Atlantic City patrons. Twenty-one of those jackpots have exceeded \$1 million dollars. The largest single award reported during that period was a \$7,355,382 jackpot won at Harrah's casino on November 23, 2010.

One reason so many large jackpots have been awarded is that Atlantic City casinos offer wide area progressives. Wide area progressives refer to slot machines that are located in two or more casinos that have been linked together to generate very high awards that increase as patrons play them. Slot machines of this type have been available in New Jersey casinos since 1989.

"The Division expects to see even larger progressive awards due to the recent passage of Senate Bill S-1323," said Rebeck. This legislation authorizes Atlantic City casinos to link their slot machines with casino slot machines located in other states. Such machines would not be available in Delaware or New York casinos, which only offer video lottery terminals rather than slot machines, or in Pennsylvania which does not offer wide area progressive slot machines.

Temporary regulations for multi-state progressives have been posted on the Division's website and will be effective on September 24th. It is anticipated that the first such multi-state machines will be operational before the end of the year.

The bill authorizing multi-state progressives also authorizes mobile gaming which allows patrons to place wagers using devices approved by the Division in areas other than the casino floor. "I am proud of my staff who have worked diligently to create regulations for mobile gaming and multi-state progressives. These initiatives will allow Atlantic City casinos to take advantage of new technology and to expand gaming opportunities for their patrons" said Rebeck. Temporary regulations for mobile gaming will be published before the end of the year.

Visitors to the Division's website at [www.njdcg.org](http://www.njdcg.org) will be able to obtain a copy of the temporary regulations and to view the summary of casino jackpots.

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