

(h) The following wagers shall not be offered in the game of Switch Hands Blackjack:

1. Any optional wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.17;
2. Multiple action blackjack wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.18;
3. A progressive blackjack wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.19;
4. A blackjack bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.20;
5. A streak wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.22;
6. A match the dealer wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.23;
7. A blackjack switch wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2A.1;
8. An optional bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.25; and
9. An in between wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.26.

#### 13:69F-2B.6 Procedure for dealing the cards

(a) All cards used in Switch Hands Blackjack shall be dealt from a dealing shoe specifically designed for such purpose and located on the table to the left of the dealer.

(b) The dealer shall remove cards from the shoe with his or her left hand, turn them face upwards, excepting the "switch hands" cards, which shall remain face-down, and then place them on the appropriate area of the layout with his or her right hand, except that the dealer has the option to deal hit cards to the first two betting spots with his or her left hand.

(c) After each full set of cards is placed in the shoe, the dealer shall remove the first card from the shoe face downwards and place it in the discard rack, which shall be located on the table immediately to the right of the dealer. Each new dealer who comes to the table shall also burn one card as described in this subsection before the new dealer deals any cards to the players. The burn card shall be disclosed if requested by a player. This procedure shall not be applicable to the "Bart Carter shuffle."

(d) At the commencement of each round of play, the dealer shall, starting on his or her left and continuing around the table, deal the cards in the following order:

1. One card face down to each player;
2. A second card face down to each player;
3. One card face upwards to each designated area on the layout in which a wager is contained;
4. One card face upwards to the dealer;
5. A second card face upwards to each designated area in which a wager is contained, which card shall be dealt so as to overlap the lower left-hand corner of the first card, as seen from the dealer's point of view; and
6. One face-down card to the dealer.

(e) Immediately after cards are dealt in accordance with (d) above, to each player, and before any card reader device is utilized and any additional cards are dealt to any player or the dealer, the dealer shall collect all Switch Hands Blackjack antes.

(f) Beginning with the farthest eligible player to the dealer's left and continuing in a clockwise direction, the dealer shall ask each player whether the player wants to discard his or her two face-up cards and play the two face-down cards, which shall be indicated by the appropriate hand signal, and if the player chooses to discard the two face-up cards and play the two face-down cards, the dealer shall remove the two face-up cards and place them in the discard rack and turn over the two face-down cards. If the player chooses to play the face-up cards, the dealer shall remove the face-down cards to the discard rack without turning them over. Each player shall make his or her choice before any other cards are dealt and before the dealer asks for insurance bets or checks the dealer's down card with the card-reader device.

(g) After each player has declared his or her intention to either switch hands or play his or her two face-up cards, each player may make an insurance bet pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.9.

(h) After all insurance bets have been made, the dealer shall, beginning from his or her left, announce the point total of the hand of each player. Insurance bets are determined only after all players have chosen to either play their two face-up cards or switch hands.

(i) Insurance bets shall then be determined, after which play shall resume in the normal manner with players either standing, hitting, splitting, doubling down, or surrendering.

(j) After the decisions of each player have been implemented and all additional player cards have been dealt, the dealer shall play out his or her hand in the normal manner. Any additional cards authorized to be dealt to the hand of the dealer shall be dealt face upwards at this time, after which the dealer shall announce the total point count for the hand of the dealer.

(k) Beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing in a counter-clockwise direction, the dealer shall collect all losing bets, pay all winning bets, and "push" or return all tying bets, excepting when the dealer and player both have blackjacks, in which case the player is paid at odds of 1 to 2.

(l) At the conclusion of a round of play, all cards still remaining on the layout shall be picked up by the dealer in order and in such a way that they can be readily arranged to indicate each hand of each player in case of a question or dispute. The dealer shall pick up the cards beginning with those of the player farthest to the dealer's right and moving counter-clockwise around the table. After all the cards of the players have been collected, the dealer shall pick up his or her cards and place them on the top of the players' cards and place all of them in the discard rack.

#### 13:69F-2B.7 Additional applicable rules

N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2A.10 through 2A.15 shall be incorporated herein by reference, except that only one player may wager on any one spot of the Switch Hands Blackjack layout.

(a)

### DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT Gaming Equipment Expiration of Slot Machine Control Program Approvals and Resubmission Proposed Repeal: N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.21

Authorized By: David L. Rebeck, Director, Division of Gaming Enforcement.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:12-69.a, 5:12-69.e, 5:12-70.a(7), 5:12-70.a(10), and 5:12-76.g.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2015-145.

Submit written comments by January 15, 2016, to:

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The agency proposal follows:

#### Summary

The proposed repeal of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.21 would eliminate the expiration date for slot machine control programs that had previously been approved by the Division of Gaming Enforcement. Presently, such approvals expire, unless earlier revoked, on the second day of January in the year following the 12th anniversary of the latest approval of the Division for that program. Historically, control programs are revoked or modified prior to 12 years, thereby obviating the need for an expiration date. The elimination of the expiration date conforms with other gaming jurisdictions that have no expiration date for control programs approved by their regulators.

This notice of proposal is not required to be referenced in a rulemaking calendar since a public comment period of 60 days is being provided. See N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

**Social Impact**

The rule proposed for repeal is not anticipated to have any social impact. The expiration date currently imposed is seldom, if ever, reached as intervening factors render such expirations moot. The rule proposed for repeal does not reflect any social judgments made by the Division.

**Economic Impact**

Implementation of the rule proposed for repeal is not anticipated to have any economic impact for the Division, the casino industry, or the public. It is not anticipated that the rule proposed for repeal will require the Division of Gaming Enforcement to incur additional costs in introducing, testing, and otherwise regulating slot machines in Atlantic City.

**Federal Standards Statement**

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the rule proposed for repeal is mandated by the provisions of the Casino Control Act, N.J.S.A. 5:12-1 et seq., and is not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

**Jobs Impact**

The rule proposed for repeal will not have an impact on the generation or loss of jobs in New Jersey.

**Agriculture Industry Impact**

The rule proposed for repeal will have no impact on the agriculture industry in New Jersey.

**Regulatory Flexibility Statement**

The rule proposed for repeal will only affect the operations of New Jersey casino licensees, none of which qualifies as a "small business" as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq., because they employ more than 100 persons full-time in the State of New Jersey. Accordingly, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

**Housing Affordability Impact Analysis**

The rule proposed for repeal will have an insignificant impact on the affordability of housing in New Jersey and there is an extreme unlikelihood that the rule proposed for repeal would evoke a change in the average costs associated with housing because the rule concerns the expiration of slot machine control program approvals.

**Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis**

The rule proposed for repeal will not have an impact on smart growth and there is an extreme unlikelihood that the rule proposed for repeal would evoke a change in housing production in Planning Areas 1 or 2, or within designated centers, under the State Development and Redevelopment Plan in New Jersey because the rule proposed for repeal concerns the expiration of slot machine control program approvals.

**Full text** of the proposal follows (addition indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

13:69E-1.21 [Expiration of slot machine control program approvals and resubmission] **(Reserved)**

[(a) The approval of any slot machine control program issued by the Division shall expire, unless earlier revoked by the Division, on the second day of January in the year following the 12th anniversary of its latest approval. For the purposes of this section, any modification to a slot machine control program approved by the Division shall not affect the expiration date of the latest approval unless the Division specifically finds that the modifications were so substantial as to constitute the approval of a new slot machine control program.

(b) A casino licensee shall deactivate any slot machine control program in its casino upon expiration of its latest approval unless and until the slot machine control program has been resubmitted, tested and approved in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(c) An approved slot machine control program may be resubmitted for testing and approval at any time. A previously approved slot machine control program shall be subject to all relevant requirements in effect as of the date of resubmission.

(d) Each casino licensee shall develop internal controls to ensure that no slot machine control program shall remain in use in its casino if the

latest approval of that slot machine control program has expired pursuant to (a) above.]

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**DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT**

**Exclusion of Persons  
Request for Self-Exclusion and Internet Self-Exclusion**

**Proposed Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:69G-2.2**

Authorized By: David L. Rebeck, Director, Division of Gaming Enforcement.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:12-69.a, 5:12-69.e, 5:12-70.a(10), and 5:12-71.2.b.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2015-146.

Submit written comments by January 15, 2016, to:

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The agency proposal follows:

**Summary**

The proposed amendment would eliminate the language “because I am a problem gambler” to the application of an individual seeking self-exclusion. The proposed amendment is made to conform the language of N.J.A.C. 13:69G-2.2 to its statutory authority of N.J.S.A. 5:12-71.2.a, which provision was amended on July 30, 2014, by P.L. 2014, c. 20, eliminating the requirement for admission that the applicant is a problem gambler. The “problem gambler” admission requirement is found in N.J.A.C. 13:69G-2.2(d)4i. The remainder of N.J.A.C. 13:69G-2.2 would remain unchanged.

This notice of proposal is not required to be referenced in a rulemaking calendar since a public comment period of 60 days is being provided. See N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

**Social Impact**

The proposed amendment is not anticipated to have any social impact. The proposed amendment does not reflect any social judgments made by the Division.

**Economic Impact**

Implementation of the proposed amendment is not anticipated to have any economic impact for the Division, the casino industry, or the public.

**Federal Standards Statement**

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the amendment contained in this notice of proposal is mandated by the provisions of the Casino Control Act, N.J.S.A. 5:12-1 et seq., and is not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

**Jobs Impact**

The proposed amendment will not have an impact on the generation or loss of jobs in New Jersey.

**Agriculture Industry Impact**

The proposed amendment will have no impact on the agriculture industry in New Jersey.

**Regulatory Flexibility Statement**

The proposed amendment will only affect the operations of New Jersey casino licensees, none of which qualifies as a "small business" as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq., because they employ more than 100 persons full-time in the State of New Jersey. Accordingly, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.