

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

13:69F-14.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

\* \* \*

"Blind bet" means a mandatory wager in some poker games which only players sitting in specific betting positions at the poker table shall be required to place prior to [looking at] any cards **being dealt**.

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**"Straddle" or "straddle bet" means an optional wager in some poker games that require blind wagers which only players sitting in specific betting positions at the poker table may place prior any cards being dealt.**

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13:69F-14.7 Wagers

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) A player may only participate in the wagering during a round of play with the gaming chips, gaming plaques or currency which were already on the poker table in front of the player when the round of play commenced. In addition, a player may use coin

for the purpose of placing an ante in an amount less than \$1.00 and in denominations of \$.25 or \$.50.

1. - 4. (No change.)

5. Whenever a player indicates an intent to temporarily leave a poker table without relinquishing his or her seat at the table, the poker shift supervisor shall either:

i. Account for the amount of the player's table stakes prior to the player's departure from the table in possession of his or her table stakes and upon the player's return to the table; [or]

ii. Maintain the player's table stakes on the table surface using a [non-transparent] cover until the player's return; **or**

**iii. Permit the player's table stakes to remain on the table surface uncovered.**

**6. Upon a player temporarily leaving a poker table and the poker shift supervisor observing either 5i. or 5ii. above, another patron who is not a player in an active game may play in the absent player's seat until such time as the absent player returns to the table.**

(d) - (j) (No change.)

13:69F-14.10 Hold 'em poker; procedures for dealing of cards; completion of each round of play

(a) - (c) (No change.)

(d) **Wagers placed prior to dealing any cards shall be governed by the following rules:**

1. The player to the immediate left of the button shall be required to initiate the first betting round by placing a blind bet in accordance with the posted table requirements.

i. **In a casino licensee's discretion, if a new player enters a game at a seating position between the button and a player who has placed a blind bet, or an absent player who has missed a blind bet seeks to re-enter the game, the new or absent player shall post a blind bet(s) ("buying the button") to participate in any round of play prior to the button returning to the player's seating position.**

2. A casino licensee may require additional blind bets to be made immediately subsequent to the initial blind bet.

3. **A casino licensee may elect to offer players the option to place a straddle bet subsequent to the blind bet(s).**

4. The amount and number of all blind bets required by the casino licensee **and, if offered, the amount of a straddle bet** shall be posted on a sign in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.3.

(e) (No change.)

(f) Following the placement of the blind bet(s) **and, if applicable, a straddle bet**, each player shall in turn, in a clockwise rotation around the poker table, either fold, call or raise the bet. The option to raise shall also apply to the [player] **player(s)** who made the blind bet(s) **and straddle bet**.

After the last player has responded to the most recent bet, the betting round shall be considered complete.

(g) - (j) (No change.)

(k) A casino licensee may elect to offer multiple, alternative hand resolutions subject to the following rules:

1. Two or more players shall agree to the number of alternative hands to be played, provided that the players agree to:

i. No more than four alternative hands in a round of play; and

ii. The juncture in the round of play at which the alternative hands are to be generated (examples include prior to turning over the first three community card, prior to the turn fourth community card and prior to turning over the fifth community card).

2. The dealer shall verbally confirm such agreement and place a marker on the table bearing the number of alternative hands to be played prior to dealing any additional community cards.

3. Upon player agreement and dealer confirmation and marker placement, the dealer shall proceed to deal each alternative hand in accordance with the rules of this section, but without any additional player betting.

4. The dealer shall split the pot into separate equal portions to the nearest dollar amount corresponding to the number of alternative hands to be dealt, with any excess amount added to

the first hand dealt. The portion of the pot dedicated for each hand resolution shall be awarded to the player with the winning hand. If players have equal ranking hands, the corresponding portion shall be split equally among players.

13:69F-14.11 Omaha poker; procedures for dealing of cards; completion of each round of play

(a) - (i) (No change.)

(j) A casino licensee may elect to offer multiple, alternative hand resolutions subject to the following rules:

1. Two or more players shall agree to the number of alternative hands to be played, provided that the players agree to:

i. No more than four alternative hands in a round of play; and

ii. The juncture in the round of play at which the alternative hands are to be generated (examples include prior to turning over the first three community cards, prior to turning over the fourth community card and prior to turning over the fifth community card).

2. The dealer shall verbally confirm such agreement and place a marker on the table bearing the number of alternative hands to be played prior to dealing any additional community cards.

3. Upon player agreement and dealer confirmation and

marker placement, the dealer shall proceed to deal each alternative hand in accordance with the applicable provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69F-14.10(h) and (i), but without any additional player betting.

4. The dealer shall split the pot into separate equal portions to the nearest dollar amount corresponding to the number of alternative hands to be dealt, with any excess amount added to the first hand dealt. The portion of the pot dedicated for each hand resolution shall be awarded to the player with the winning hand. If players have equal ranking hands, the corresponding portion shall be split equally among players.