

### **Mission & Role of the Casino Revenue Fund Advisory Commission**

The Casino Revenue Fund Advisory Commission was established by the Governor and State Legislature to:

- Review the programs funded by the Casino Revenue Fund, established pursuant to section 145 of P.L. 1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-145), and make recommendations to the Legislature annually or more often, if necessary, concerning existing or proposed programs or legislation and the expenditure of these funds.
- The commission also shall evaluate the need for existing, additional or expanded programs which may be funded from the Casino Revenue Fund and shall advise the Legislature accordingly.

**5: 12-145.3. Casino revenue fund advisory commission; appointment of members; terms; vacancies; reimbursement for expenses**

There is created a commission to be known as the "Casino Revenue Fund Advisory Commission." The commission shall consist of 15 members to be appointed as follows: two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, not more than one of whom shall be of the same political party; two members of the General Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, not more than one of whom shall be of the same political party; three public members who are senior citizens, one of whom is appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and one of whom is appointed by the Governor; three public members who are disabled, one of whom is appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and one of whom is appointed by the Governor; one public member who is a representative of the casino industry to be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Casino Association of New Jersey, the President of the New Jersey Association of Directors of Area Agencies on Aging, the Chairperson of the New Jersey Association of County Representatives for Disabled Persons, the Director of the Division on Aging in the Department of Community Affairs and the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer, or their designees, who shall serve as ex-officio members.

The legislative members shall serve during the two-year legislative session in which the appointment is made. The senior citizen and disabled members shall serve for three year terms or until a successor is appointed; but of the members initially appointed, one of the senior citizens and one of the disabled members shall serve for a term of one year, one of the senior citizens and one of the disabled members shall serve for a term of two years and one of the senior citizens and one of the disabled members shall serve for a term of three years.

Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made and a member may be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term.

Members shall be eligible for reimbursement for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties but reimbursement shall be within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the commission for its purposes.

**5:12-145.4. Duties of commission**

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**5:12-145.5. Organization of commission; election of chairperson and secretary;**

### **meetings**

The commission shall organize as soon after the appointment of its members as is practicable. A majority of the commission members shall elect a chairperson from among the members and a secretary who need not be a member of the commission. The commission shall meet at regular intervals but at least on a quarterly basis.

### **5:12-145.6. Use of state and local employees; miscellaneous expenses**

The commission is entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of employees of any State, county or municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may require and as may be available to it for its purposes. The Department of the Treasury shall supply professional, stenographic and clerical assistance which is necessary for the commission to perform its duties. The commission may incur miscellaneous expenses as it may deem necessary, in order to perform its duties, and as may be within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for those purposes.

### **5:12-145.7. Annual report**

The commission shall submit an annual report to the Legislature by March 1 of each year.