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DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT**General Provisions****Applications****Casino Licenses****Gaming Operation Accounting Controls and Standards****Gaming Equipment****Rules of the Games**

Proposed Repeals: N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40D, 1.40E, 1.40F, 1.47A, 1.48, 1.49, 1.50, and 1.51

Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:69-1.2; 13:69C-15.2; and 13:69D-1.1, 1.3, 1.5, 1.5A, 1.8, 1.9, 1.11A, 1.12 through 1.17, 1.19 through 1.24, 1.24B, 1.25, 1.26, 1.27, 1.32, 1.33, 1.34, 1.35, 1.36, 1.37, 1.39, 1.39A, 1.40A, 1.41A, 1.42, 1.43A, 1.44, 1.45, 1.54, and 3.1; 13:69E-1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.18, 1.23, 1.24, 1.28A, 1.28B, 1.28E, 1.28I, 1.32A, 1.39C, and 1.40; and 13:69F-3.3, 7.3, 8.4, and 8.6

Proposed New Rules: N.J.A.C. 13:69A-17.1; 13:69D-1.30, 1.31, 1.37B, 1.40, and 1.40C; and 13:69E-1.4A, 1.25, and 1.39D

Proposed Repeals and New Rules: N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.38, 1.40, 1.40B, 1.40C, and 1.47

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Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:12-69, 70, 76, and 144.

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

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The agency proposal follows:

Summary

Throughout 2012, the Division of Gaming Enforcement (Division) adopted rules at N.J.A.C. 13:69 through 13:69N governing all aspects of casino gaming operations. Most of these rules were a recodification of the rules of the Casino Control Commission (Commission) after statutory amendments to the Casino Control Act, N.J.S.A. 5:12-1 et seq., in February 2011 that authorized the Division to assume many casino regulatory responsibilities formerly held by the Commission.

The proposed repeals, new rules, and amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:69, 13:69A, 13:69C, 13:69D, 13:69E, and 13:69F represent an overhaul of many of the Division's rules for those chapters, with an emphasis on consolidating and clarifying certain sections. In addition, certain sections are proposed to codify existing industry internal controls, clarify operational procedures, and establish operational practices consistent with new technologies.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69-1.2 expands the definition of "restricted area" to include a casino licensee's locksmith shop.

Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69A-17.1 sets forth a provision for the registration of employees of casino vendors and their access to restricted areas including the casino floor.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69C-15.2 allows casino licensees to provide notification of entertainment, filming, or photography in the casino less than five days before commencement of the same, with the Division's approval.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.1 includes new definitions for developing technologies and for products and concepts

already in use but not previously defined in these rules. Newly defined terms include: "annuity jackpot"; "automated payout machine"; "electronic gaming device"; "gaming tournament revenue"; "gaming voucher redemption machine"; "hand pay"; "linked progressive"; "local area progressive"; "lock up"; "lock up electronic signal"; "lock up verifier"; "MSPS"; "multi-level progressive"; "multi-state jackpot"; "primary progressive"; "progressive controller"; "progressive display"; "progressive jackpot"; "progressive payout limit"; "stand alone progressive"; and "wide area progressive."

In addition to the additional definitions, several definitions are proposed for deletion from N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.1. The proposed amendment would delete "annuity jackpot trust check" as a trust is no longer needed to administer a multi-casino progressive system; "cash equivalent value of any merchandise or thing of value" as the substantive rules no longer refer to this term; "mystery award" as this term is no longer used in the substantive rules; "residual gaming voucher" as this concept is no longer allowed under these rules; "security department member" as the concept is self-explanatory and does not merit definition; "temporary anonymous account" as the term is no longer referred to in these rules; and "video reel" as the term is no longer used in these rules.

The following definitions are proposed to be retained but amended. "Authorized instrument" is amended to include a check from an entity which has a gaming license in any jurisdiction, thus broadening the ability of casinos to accept checks; previously the instrument had to be issued by a New Jersey licensee or an affiliate of a New Jersey licensee. "Cashiering location" is amended to permit the Division to approve any facility within the casino hotel to be so designated. The definition of "casino clerk" is not changed functionally but is amended for ease of reading and understanding. "Table game drop" is amended to account for the concept of electronic counter check transactions. "Table game win or loss" is amended to account for uncollected vigorish forms, which need to be included in the table game drop in order for the win or loss figure to be accurate.

The proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.3 represent only minor technical revisions for purposes of clarity.

The proposed amendment at N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.5(c) requires computer-generated forms to be sequentially numbered for audit purposes. N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.5(d) is amended to require the time period for comparison of sequential forms or serial numbers to be on a monthly basis. This was the time period used but the Division now proposes to codify the time period.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.5A(b) reduces the number of photographic identification credentials a patron must present to establish a patron account with a casino licensee from two to one, that one retained being a government-issued credential. Another amendment at paragraph (c)4 requires the casino employee establishing the patron account to verify the patron's appearance as compared to the photographic image on the credential.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.8 includes technical revisions for record retention by incorporating wide area progressive slot systems and multi-state progressive slot systems. The amendments at paragraphs (g)6 and 7 also change the retention period for gaming vouchers redeemed at any location other than a slot machine that have been verified and electronically cancelled by the gaming voucher system, from 60 days to seven days, with destruction permitted without the notice required under N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.8(e).

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.9 accommodates electronic funds transfers for complimentary services or items. An additional amendment prohibits casino licensees from terminating a complimentary distribution program without at least five days' notice to the public or, in an emergent situation, upon notification to the Division.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.11A affects the table of organization submission process, changing the requirement for each page of the table of organization to specify the effective date of its submission to require specifying the effective date.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.12 includes the definition of "dealer" among required gaming personnel. Additionally, floorpersons are restricted from working as a dealer in a gaming pit that they supervised at the start of the shift.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.12A codifies the existing practice with regard to identification of employees of casino licensees and vendors, and their access to the casino floor and other restricted areas. In most instances, the employee is required to secure the approval of the principle supervisor of the department to which the employee seeks access. Prior to the recent amendments to the Casino Control Act, casino licensees were informally guided by the Commission to implement a uniform system of identifying which individuals may have access to particular areas of the casino facility. The proposed amendment codifies the existing practice with some minimal refinements. The amendments at N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.12A(b) through (d) set forth specific access codes for all access, slot repair shop access, and access to the gaming pits, slot cage, and other specified areas. Each casino must create internal controls to use access badges with letter codes visible on employee identification cards that can be seen by surveillance and must also create a system to control access by non-employee vendors.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.13 permits law enforcement personnel carrying firearms to have access to the gaming floor in emergency situations, at the request of the casino licensee's security department, and upon the security department's notification to the State Police.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.14(b) provides regulatory relief from the security requirement of a "mantrap," as defined at N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.1, for certain cashiering locations. Specifically, the amendment relaxes the requirement for a mantrap based upon the value of the assets secured at a given cashiering location and the floorplan of the individual casino. Previously, without exception, all cage locations required a mantrap. N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.14(g) is amended to state that documents which are transported between cages without using a pneumatic tube shall be transported by either a cage supervisor or above or a security department employee.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.15 expands cashiering functions to allow for gaming voucher exchanges, gift card exchanges, and the exchange of funds with hotel cashiers.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.16 vests control of the key to the contents of drop boxes (for table games) with accounting department supervisors, and requires control, at a minimum, by a sign-out and sign-in procedure described in the casino licensee's internal controls. Additionally, the amendment relaxes the permanent imprint or impression identification requirement for emergency drop boxes.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.17 clarifies the procedure for the daily collection of drop boxes. Amendments to the Casino Control Act in 2011 eliminated the required presence of a Commission inspector, thus necessitating a procedure for casino licensees to document the collection process.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.19 provides relief to casino licensees with regard to enabling dealer conversion of gaming chips received as gratuities into higher denominations.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.20 makes technical changes to table inventory rules to include the game of baccarat and correct the name of a document required for audit purposes.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.21 corrects the name of the audit document and provides relief by increasing the dollar threshold for a required investigation of discrepancies in table inventories from \$5.00 to \$25.00.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.22 adds an alternative procedure to accomplish a gaming chip fill in the event the computer system is inoperable.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.23 clarifies the procedure for removing gaming chips from a gaming table and returning them to the chip bank, specifically setting forth requirements for the surveillance department to be involved in the process and for the Division to be copied on any error form.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.24 streamlines the procedures for acceptance, accounting for, withdrawing, and refund of patron deposits. While refunds of patron balances were allowed and were performed, the rule did not specifically address refunds of patron balances. This amendment explicitly recognizes that refunds are permitted.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.24B specifies that the main bank cashier is responsible to effectuate wire transfers.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.25 permits electronic checking and amends the procedures for patron withdrawal of monies from the patron's customer account by allowing such transactions at the main cage, satellite cage or slot booth. Another amendment lowers the verification standard by eliminating the requirement of a supervisor's presence in the processing of the counter check and by eliminating the requirement of a security escort. Additionally, an amendment provides relief regarding the transport of a Slot Counter Check to a patron and modifies the dollar threshold to permit a slot attendant to process Slot Counter Checks up to \$25,000 issued to a patron at a slot machine. Previously, the patron had to go to the cage with the slot attendant; this amendment sets forth procedures for the transaction to occur while the patron remains at the slot machine.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.26 clarifies that the redemption of Counter Checks may be full or partial, and includes verification of the patron's identity in the redemption process.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.27 permits a casino licensee to establish a patron credit account if the patron's bank declines to provide identifying information about the patron, provided the casino licensee documents the refusal and performs a credit check.

Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.30 establishes accounting procedures for uncollected vigorish in the games of baccarat and minibaccarat.

Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.31 requires casino licensees to identify and investigate individual slot machines in which the actual payout to patrons is not consistent with the approved prototype and report to the Division.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.32 permits the use of accounting equipment for non-gaming assets or revenue when the count of gaming revenue is not in progress.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.33 includes an appropriate reference to slot cash storage boxes for opening and counting the contents of drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes. Further, a casino licensee would be required to notify the Division in the event suspected counterfeit currency is found during the count. An amendment reduces the requirements regarding verification of the accounting of currency by denomination. Another amendment deletes table game coupons from the banker's count inasmuch as such coupons are separately counted and cancelled by the accounting department. Finally, an amendment establishes procedures whenever unsecured currency or gaming vouchers are discovered in the count room other than during the count process.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.34 includes revenue reporting requirements for gaming tournaments. An amendment expands the scope of gaming tournament revenue to include revenue from slot and electronic table game tournaments.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.35 clarifies procedures for the control, accounting, and replenishment of automated voucher redemption and payout machines. References throughout to "automated jackpot payout machines" are changed to "automated payout machines" to reflect the expanded functions of these devices (for example, cashing out of gaming vouchers).

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.36 ensures the security of assets within a slot machine which accepts coins or tokens.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.37(a) expands the funding sources for efund issuance to include complementaries, gift cards, or other patron purchases. In addition, the amendment allows the internal audit department to perform an audit of an electronic gaming system on an annual basis rather than every six months if the audit program is approved by the Division.

Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.37B establishes procedures for casino employees to test electronic gaming devices on the casino floor utilizing currency or gaming vouchers issued from the casino cage.

The proposed repeal and new rule at N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.38 refines and clarifies procedures for the movement on the casino floor or the removal from the casino floor of gaming tables and electronic gaming devices, including the requirement to remove assets from the table or device. Further, electronic table games are now included in the procedures, and a procedure for electronic gaming devices that accept gaming vouchers is

outlined. The substance is essentially unchanged in terms of requirements, but the prior confusing language is repealed and the section is rewritten to more clearly set forth the procedures even though they are not changed substantively.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39 revises the controls upon transfer or removal of a progressive jackpot on a slot machine. One such control is the weekly review and audit by the casino accounting department of the progressive jackpots that are expected to exceed \$5,000 prior to being won in order to ensure accuracy of the progressive amount. This section also establishes a process for the termination of wide area progressive (WAP) systems. The proposed amendment does not make any substantive changes to the processes already in place other than the example cited, which reduces the number of progressive jackpots which must be reconciled to the wagers made each week. The remainder of the amendment clarifies the procedures for taking down a progressive award or transferring it. Slot department members complained that the rules were unclear and this amendment tries to make the rule simpler without changing the substance.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39A conforms the terminology for WAP systems, formerly known as linked slot machines, and permits a system operator to establish a remote location outside of Atlantic County to ensure that the system data is secure. The amendment proposes to delete those portions of N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39A(f) and (g) that permit casinos to exercise authority over WAP systems as these systems are now operated by casinos service industry enterprises pursuant to agreements with casino licensees.

The proposed amendments to the Division's rules pertaining to electronic gaming device jackpot payouts (N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40 through 1.40F) implicate several sections which are variously proposed for repeal, amendment, and new rule, as described below. The current rule at N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40 is proposed for repeal. The proposed new rule at N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40 consolidates current jackpot payout procedures contained in N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40D, 1.40E and 1.40F, which are also proposed for repeal.

Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40 sets forth the types of attendant paid jackpots, including Hand Pays, Transfers to Credit Meters, Pouch Pays, Credit Owed Slips, and Payout Receipts, as well as associated procedures for each. The new rule provides regulatory relief by increasing certain dollar thresholds for attendant paid jackpots and reduces the requirement for second party verification in certain instances. For any jackpot greater than \$75,000, casino licensees will be required to withhold payment to the patron until a determination as to whether the patron is indebted for child support, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Work First New Jersey, food stamp benefits, or low-income home energy assistance benefits.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40A permits casino licensees to include the value of merchandise in the calculation of the statutorily mandated 83 percent payout percentage for slot machines and other electronic gaming devices. This section also modifies procedures for merchandise documentation and notice to the public for termination. The substance of documentation is not changed but the forms to be used are simplified. In addition, the public must still be notified 30 days in advance of any proposed termination of a progressive or combination jackpot, which notice shall be on the slot machine or electronic device. The actual out of pocket cost to casino shall be the amount used in all calculations.

Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40B simplifies the current rule, proposed for repeal, for funding annuity jackpots, and affords a casino licensee or slot system operator financial flexibility, subject to Division approval, to ensure the integrity of the payout. Further, as required by statute and paralleling the provision for cash jackpots greater than \$75,000, the casino licensee or the operator of the slot system would be required to withhold payment to the patron until a determination as to whether the patron is indebted for specified familial and governmental obligations.

Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40C, replacing the current rule proposed for repeal, adds multi-state jackpot systems to the existing rule for multi-casino jackpot systems and, paralleling proposed new N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40 and 1.40B, requires casino licensees or slot system operators

to withhold payments for specified familial and governmental obligations.

N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40D addressing Division inspection of jackpots greater than \$75,000 is proposed for repeal. Substantive requirements of the repealed section are proposed in new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40.

N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40E permitting slot attendant payments from an impressment (Pouch Pays) is proposed for repeal. Substantive requirements of the repealed section are proposed in new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40.

N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40F permitting slot attendant reset of slot machines and the use of a payout receipt is proposed for repeal. Substantive requirements of the repealed section are proposed in new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.41A eliminates all slot attendant duties with regard to coin and token in the slot machine hopper, but retains their duties pertaining to the processing of slugs found in slot machine hoppers.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.42 enhances the audit trail for slot drop containers by requiring casino licensees to accurately account for the number of containers and to investigate and report discrepancies. Additional relief is provided by allowing the slot container pick-up process to occur without unnecessary trolley locking measures. The process for use of emergency or replacement slot containers is refined and simplified.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.43A includes the value of expired cashable gaming vouchers and certain voided slot-issued gaming vouchers in slot win. The amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.43A(I) makes no substantive change but rewrites the subsection to account for the jackpot slip being renamed the payout slip. The reconciliation procedures are unchanged.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.44 reflects the expected expiration of patents protecting certain required keys and locks, and permits the Division to approve the use of keys and locks not protected by patent.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.45 includes an employee's credential number with the employee's signature record, and provides for the electronic or hard copy filing of signature records with the Division.

Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.47 simplifies the current rule proposed for repeal and substantially re-writes and consolidates other rules for the game of keno also proposed for repeal. The new rule establishes procedures for keno runners and keno writers, expanding the casino floor areas where the game may be offered, and affording casino licensee's greater flexibility by permitting keno to be conducted in accordance with internal controls. N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.47, 1.47A, 1.48, 1.49, 1.50, and 1.51 are proposed for repeal with certain substantive provisions of these rules incorporated in the new rule.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.54 includes all electronic gaming devices within procedures for issuance and redemption of gaming vouchers. An amendment permits a cage supervisor to void a gaming voucher if the voucher is believed to have been misappropriated. Further, an amendment establishes a procedure for gaming vouchers found on the casino floor to be held for a limited period of time to permit a rightful claim by a patron.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-3.1 substitutes the term "representation of gaming debt," as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.1, for the phrase "[a]ny money that is owed to a patron by a casino licensee as a result of a gaming transaction," but does not change the substance of the rule.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.1 changes the reference to "promotional" non-gaming chips to "souvenir" non-gaming chips, affording the flexibility to a casino licensee to require a patron to purchase the gaming chip.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.2 adds gaming tournament chips to the inventory, security, storage, and destruction requirements imposed on regular gaming chips.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.3 adds two small denomination gaming chips (\$0.25 and \$0.50) and one large denomination gaming chip (\$10,000) to the list of authorized value gaming chips and designates unique colors and color tolerances for each.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.4 specifies the authorized games for which non-value gaming chips may be used by including the game of pokette.

Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.4A codifies requirements for the design and issuance of chips used in gaming tournaments.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.18 delineates the requirement for the casino games department verification of the destruction and/or cancellation of playing cards by the security department or a vendor.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.23 requires the inclusion of the manufacture's name in documentation related to the intrastate and interstate movement of slot machines. Further, regulatory relief is provided insofar as Division notice, rather than approval, is required for any movement of slot machines that does not affect a casino licensee's certificate of operation.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.24 clarifies the procedure for removal of electronic gaming devices from the casino floor. This amendment uses the term "electronic gaming device," reflecting current technology which has evolved beyond slot machines.

Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.25 requires a slot machine to hold in memory the residual value of the gaming voucher until the end of a patron's play or to reject the voucher whenever a gaming voucher is used by a patron to commence play. Relief from this requirement is provided enabling a casino licensee to continue to utilize non-compliant equipment until June 1, 2015.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.28A establishes technical requirements for slot machines with a transfer to credit meter feature for jackpots.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.28B permits casino licensees to edit or erase data from required slot machine meters using Division approved methodology.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.28E requires public notice for certain slot machine bonus awards and more clearly describes a jackpot awarded by a random event and not based upon a specific game outcome.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.28I refines the overlaying requirements for external touch screen systems. The amendment specifically addresses slot machines which are in tournament mode and allows an overlay of the screen in such mode with the approval of the Division.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.32A requires casino licensees to notify the Division, through the submission of "Release Notes" as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69D-2.1, whenever count room equipment hardware or software is modified.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.39C requires the wagering and account information associated with WAP slot systems to be located on the premises of a casino licensee or a restricted location within the territorial limits of Atlantic County.

Proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.39D delineates standards and conditions for agreements with other jurisdictions operating WAP slot systems and MSPS system.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.40 clarifies that a voucher system application is required to prevent a user from obtaining and viewing the voucher validation number of an unredeemed and unexpired gaming voucher.

The proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-3.3 and 7.3 enable a casino licensee to accommodate a patron by deferring the collection of vigorish until the end of the patron's play at the table for the authorized games of baccarat and minibaccarat, respectively. Further, the procedures for the accounting of uncollected vigorish are proposed for deletion in these sections, and are now found at proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.30.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.4 permits a casino licensee to post the rules of an approved electronic table game on the electronic table game display without requiring the promulgation of rules for that game or component wager.

The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.6 clarifies and amplifies the required notice to the Division in regard to gaming tournaments including surveillance measures and certain certifications by the casino controller and a casino supervisor who holds a casino key

employee license. Another amendment requires the disbursement of all prize pool funds to participants but permits the withholding of dealer tips from a prize pool. Finally, regulatory relief is provided to permit casino licensees to conduct tournaments pursuant to internal controls without the need for submission or approval of tournament rules.

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 amendments, new rules, and the repeal of other rules (collectively, amendments) will continue to benefit the public and the casino industry. The changes set forth in Chapters 69, 69A, 69C, 69D, 69E, and 69F will continue to be effective in preserving the integrity of casino operations. The Casino Control Act expressly recognizes that an essential element of the regulation of casino gaming is the maintenance of the public trust and confidence in the credibility and integrity of the regulatory process and of casino gaming. N.J.S.A. 5:12-1b(6).

One major policy goal, statutorily mandated at N.J.S.A. 5:12-100.2, is directed toward securing payment of court-ordered child support arrearages as well as recoupment of monies expended by the State related to certain social welfare programs, namely Families with Dependent Children, Work First New Jersey, food stamp benefits, or low-income home energy assistance benefits. While the empowering provision speaks to annuity jackpots, the proposed amendments extend this policy to all multi-state or wide area progressive jackpots and any cash jackpots over \$75,000. To do otherwise would create an anomalous circumstance whereby a cash jackpot winner would continue to avoid an obligation when a financial source is readily available. This policy is to be implemented by requiring casino licensees or slot system operator to withhold payment of certain slot machine jackpots from a winning patron for a maximum of three business days until a determination can be made that the patron is not subject to any of the above-described financial obligations.

Economic Impact

The proposed amendments benefit the casino industry by providing the casinos with a logical, systematic framework for conducting operations, while still maintaining the integrity of gaming operations and protecting against unlawful diversion of a casino's assets. The increased flexibility afforded by the proposed amendments permits casino licensees to alter its table of organization and adjust its operational standards to reflect new technologies. For example, the proposed amendments reflect an increased reliance upon a slot machine monitoring system to verify jackpot payment amounts whereas, in the past, the verification process was a manual function.

Further, the amendments will benefit the casino industry by codifying certain existing practices, clarifying regulatory requirements, and providing regulatory relief leading to greater operational efficiencies. Failure to adopt these amendments would hamper casino operations with unnecessary requirements, which would in turn reflect adversely on the image of Atlantic City. Failure to maintain public confidence in the integrity of the industry could also result in less participation by both casino operators and the public, thus limiting the anticipated benefits of casino gaming to the State.

Federal Standards Statement

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

Jobs Impact

The proposed amendments may create job opportunities casino accounting departments associated with new financial reconciliation responsibilities. For instance, the reconciliation of uncollected table game vigorish, at proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.30, and the accountability of test currency, at proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.37B, may require additional personnel.

A number of proposed amendments permit casino licensees to reallocate job functions to non-supervisory personnel, reduce circumstances in which a security escort is required, or eliminate second

party verification. While these amendments do not directly permit a reduction in staffing levels, taken together, they permit a casino licensee to exercise operational prerogatives that could result in an overall reduction in personnel for its operations. However, any attempt to predict the impact of the proposed amendments upon the number of jobs in the gaming industry would be speculative.

Agriculture Industry Impact

The proposed amendments will have no impact on agriculture in New Jersey.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed amendments will primarily 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. Accordingly, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for casino licensees.

The proposed new rule at N.J.A.C. 13:69A-17.1 requires designated employees of certain vendors to register as casino employees for purposes of obtaining access to restricted areas including the casino floor. In addition to a nominal employee registration fee, it is anticipated that there would be a minimal recordkeeping function of tracking employees imposed on such vendors.

Housing Affordability Impact Analysis

The proposed amendments will have no impact on the affordability of housing in the State of New Jersey because they affect the regulation of casinos in Atlantic City.

Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis

The proposed amendments will have no impact on housing production in Planning Areas 1 and 2, or within designated centers, under the State Development and Redevelopment Plan because they affect the regulation of casinos in Atlantic City and their Internet gaming operations in the State.

Full text of the rules proposed for repeal may be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.38, 1.40, 1.40B, 1.40C, 1.40D, 1.40E, 1.40F, 1.47, 1.47A, 1.48, 1.49, 1.50 and 1.51.

Full text of the proposed amendments and new rules follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

CHAPTER 69

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SUBCHAPTER 1. CONSTRUCTION AND APPLICATION OF RULES

13:69-1.2 Definitions

(a) (No change.)

(b) The following words and terms, when used in the Division's rules, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

...
 "Restricted areas" or "restricted casino areas" means the cashiers' cage, the soft count room, the hard count room, the slot booths and runway areas, the interior of table game pits, the surveillance room and catwalk areas, the slot machine repair room, the simulcast counter, the specific areas designated and approved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-100b for the possession and maintenance of gaming equipment (such as computers) that supports the conduct of gaming in the casino or casino simulcasting facility, the areas used for storing or destroying dice or cards, **the locksmith shop**, any additional area that a casino licensee designates as restricted in its internal controls, and any other area specifically designated by the Division as restricted elsewhere in the rules of the Division or in a particular casino licensee's operation certificate.
 ...

CHAPTER 69A APPLICATIONS

SUBCHAPTER 17. PERSONS EMPLOYED BY CASINO VENDORS

13:69A-17.1 Registration; casino floor access

(a) A person employed by a casino service industry enterprise or vendor registrant may register with the Division as a casino employee in order to perform gaming related job functions as approved by the Division. A person so registering shall be subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:12-91 and 106.

(b) Any person who registers as a casino employee pursuant to (a) above shall be issued an access badge by a casino licensee subject to the same restrictions as required by the rules of the Division for casino employees.

(c) A casino service industry enterprise or vendor registrant shall file with the Division a list of all employees registered as a casino employee pursuant to (a) above on a monthly basis. The list shall include for each employee:

1. The registration number;

2. The Social Security number, if such information has been voluntarily provided in accordance with Section 7 of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 522a;

3. The last name, first name, and middle initial;

4. The date of birth;

5. The address, including zip code; and

6. The casino code assigned by the Division to the casino licensee.

(d) For each employee registered as a casino employee who is terminated, the casino service industry enterprise or vendor registrant shall:

1. Notify each casino licensee where the employee was issued an access badge of the termination;

2. Return all access badges to the issuing casino licensee; and

3. File a monthly report with the Division listing all terminated employees.

CHAPTER 69C CASINO LICENSEES

SUBCHAPTER 15. ENTERTAINMENT, FILMING, OR PHOTOGRAPHY

13:69C-15.2 Entertainment, filming, or photography within the casino and casino simulcasting facility

(a) No entertainment, filming, or photography shall be offered or conducted within the casino or the casino simulcasting facility, or shall be significantly visible or audible from or in the casino or simulcasting facility, unless the casino licensee files a written notice with the Division at the Division's Regulatory Enforcement Bureau office in the establishment[.]. **Such notice shall be filed** at least five business days prior to the commencement of such entertainment, filming, or photography, [which] **unless otherwise authorized by the Division**. The notice shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

1.-6. (No change.)

(b)-(c) (No change.)

CHAPTER 69D GAMING OPERATION ACCOUNTING CONTROLS AND STANDARDS

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

13:69D-1.1 Definitions

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

...
 "Annuity jackpot" means any slot machine jackpot offered by a casino licensee, wide area progressive or multi-state progressive slot system whereby a patron wins the right to receive cash payments at specified intervals in the future.

["Annuity jackpot trust check" means a check issued by a slot system operator, as defined in N.J.S.A. 5:12-2.2, in payment of winnings from an annuity jackpot. An annuity jackpot trust check shall be made payable only to the person presenting the check and shall not contain any other endorsements.]

...
 "Authorized instrument" means a cash equivalent, [a casino check, a casino affiliate check,] a check issued by an entity that holds a gaming license in any jurisdiction, an annuity jackpot trust check, a replacement check, or any other instrument approved by the Division for a specified purpose.

"Automated payout machine" means a device connected to an approved slot monitoring system which prints a Payout slip and dispenses cash to a slot attendant to process a hand pay.

...
 ["Cash equivalent value of any merchandise or thing of value" is defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40A.]

...
 "Cashiering location" means any automated voucher redemption or payout machine, or a window in [an enclosed] a structure approved by the Division within the casino hotel facility from which an employee of the casino licensee conducts casino or casino simulcasting cashiering transactions with patrons or employees including, without limitation, a cashiers' cage, satellite cage, master coin bank, coin vault, simulcast counter, ancillary simulcast counter, slot booth, coin redemption booth, jackpot/hopper window, and keno booth.

...
 "Casino clerk" means a member of the accounting department [to] who prepares documentation required for the operation of table games [including, without limitation, Requests for Fills, Requests for Credits, Counter Checks, and documents that evidence the exchange of gaming chips or plaques as part of credit or debit card chip transactions].

...
 "Electronic gaming device" means a slot machine, a multi-player system, or an electronic table game, as well as other devices or equipment for which Division approval is required.

...
 "Gaming tournament revenue" means the sum of all entry fees, cash buy-ins, re-buys, and add-on fees less prizes awarded and dealer tips, provided that no deduction from gross revenue shall be allowed for a gaming tournament loss.

...
 "Gaming voucher redemption machine" means a device connected to an approved gaming voucher system which dispenses cash in exchange for a valid gaming voucher.

...
 "Hand pay" means a payment made to a patron as a result of a gaming device lock up.

...
 "Linked progressive" means a progressive jackpot established for two or more electronic gaming devices where each device contributes to the same progressive jackpot.

"Local area progressive" means a linked progressive established for a single casino licensee.

...
 "Lock up" means any condition where an electronic gaming device becomes inoperable when a jackpot or patron credit meter payout is not automatically paid by the device.

"Lock up electronic signal" means the information transmitted by an electronic gaming device to the slot monitoring system when a lock up occurs which shall not be susceptible to change or removal.

"Lock up verifier" means a security guard, or a slot attendant or above with no incompatible functions who independently verifies the amount to be paid to a patron for a lock up.

...
 "MSPS" means multi-state progressive slot system.

"Multi-level progressive" means more than one progressive jackpot on a slot machine or linked progressive where each progressive jackpot is identified as a separate level.

"Multi-state jackpot" means any progressive slot machine jackpot offered by one or more casino licensees in conjunction with a licensee from another jurisdiction pursuant to a multi-state progressive slot system (MSPS) agreement.

["Mystery award" refers to slot machine jackpots that are awarded by a random event and are not based upon a specific game outcome.]

...
 "Primary progressive" means the progressive jackpot of the highest value on a multi-level progressive.

"Progressive controller" means an electronic device approved by the Division programmed to establish and control a progressive jackpot.

"Progressive display" means one or more progressive meters that display the calculated value of each progressive jackpot. The display may be external to the slot machine.

"Progressive jackpot" means a jackpot that increases based upon a set rate of progression.

"Progressive payout limit" means the value at which a progressive jackpot no longer increments.

...
 ["Residual gaming voucher" means a gaming voucher issued by a slot machine for an amount that cannot be converted to credits on a slot machine upon a patron's redemption of a gaming voucher.]

...
 ["Security department member" means any person employed by a casino licensee or its agent to provide physical security in an establishment.]

...
 "Stand alone progressive" means a progressive jackpot established for a single gaming device.

"Table game drop" means the total value of currency, coin, chip coupons, 50 percent of the value of table wager coupons, [the] amounts recorded on issuance copies of Counter Checks removed from a drop box, [and the] amounts recorded on documents that evidence the exchange of gaming chips or plaques as part of credit or debit card [chip] transaction[s], and, if applicable, the value of electronic counter check transactions issued at a gaming table.

...
 "Table game win or loss" means the value determined by adding the amount recorded on the Closer and the amounts recorded on [the] Credits and Uncollected Vigorish forms to the table game drop amount and by subtracting the amount recorded on the Opener, the amounts recorded on Fills, Pit Redemption Forms, [Complimentary Vigorish Forms,] and Table Game Payout Slips.

["Temporary anonymous account" means an account not assigned to a specific patron which is used as part of a complimentary distribution program.]

...
 ["Video reel" means an electronic graphical representation of a physical slot machine reel.]

"Wide area progressive" or "WAP" means a slot system comprised of a linked progressive established for two or more casino licensees.

13:69D-1.3 Licensee's system of internal controls

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

(c) Except for security and surveillance internal controls, any changes to internal controls required by N.J.S.A. 5:12-99a may be implemented immediately upon preparation and filing with the Division. Such filing shall be in a manner approved by the Division. Security and surveillance internal controls addressing the requirement of (b) above and any subsequent changes thereto shall be submitted to the Division's Regulatory Enforcement Bureau at its Atlantic City office. Upon submission to the Division of a narrative description of a change in its security or surveillance system of internal controls and unless the Division objects thereto, a casino licensee may immediately implement the change on the 16th calendar day following the delivery of the submission to the Division.

(d)-(e) (No change.)

13:69D-1.5 Forms, records, and documents

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

(c) Whenever computer system generated forms require serial numbers, the series numbers shall be issued sequentially by the computer system and used in sequential order. Forms manually prepared and maintained in a locked dispenser or attached in a book shall, for each dispenser or book, be sequentially pre-numbered and used in sequential order.

[(c)] (d) Whenever forms or serial numbers are required to be accounted for or are required to be compared for agreement, and where exceptions are noted, such exceptions shall be reported to the Division in a format prescribed by the Division on a monthly basis and shall include transaction type, date, serial or document number, and an explanation for the exception.

[(d)] (e) (No change in text.)

13:69D-1.5A Patron identification file

(a) (No change.)

(b) Prior to establishing a patron identification file, a casino employee shall require the person whose signature is being recorded to present for examination [two] **one government-issued** identification credential[s], at least one of which shall be government issued. The photograph and, description shall be compared to the patron's general physical appearance before the exemplar may be used by the casino licensee. The credential[s], taken together[,] shall include, at a minimum, the patron's:

1.-4. (No change.)

(c) Any patron identification file established and maintained by a casino licensee pursuant to this section shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1.-3. (No change.)

4. The physical description of the patron;

[4.] **5.** The type of [each] identification credential examined pursuant to (b) above;

[5.] **6.** (No change in text.)

[6.] **7.** The signature of the casino employee who examined the identification credential[s] of the patron and established the patron identification file, by which the casino employee attests that:

i. The signature exemplar of the person recorded in the patron identification file is consistent with the signature on [each] **the** identification credential [that was] examined; and

ii. The physical description recorded in the patron identification file is consistent with both the actual appearance of the person and [any] **the** photograph [or physical description that may be contained] on [an] **the** identification credential that was examined.

(d) (No change.)

13:69D-1.8 Retention, storage, and destruction of books, records, and documents

(a) Books, records, and documents shall be defined as any book, record, or document pertaining to, prepared in, or generated by the operation of a casino, a casino simulcasting facility, a [multi-casino progressive] **WAP or MSPS** slot system, or an approved hotel including, but not limited to, all forms, reports, accounting records, ledgers, subsidiary records, computer generated data, internal audit records, correspondence, and personnel records. This definition shall apply without regard to the medium through which the record is generated or maintained, for example, paper, magnetic media, or [digital] **electronic** format.

(b) (No change.)

(c) A casino licensee or a [multi-casino] **WAP or MSPS** progressive slot system operator shall petition the Division for approval of an off-site facility to store original books, records, and documents. Such petition shall include:

1.-2. (No change.)

(d) A casino licensee or a [multi-casino] **WAP or MSPS** progressive slot system operator shall petition the Division to copy and store original books, records, and documents on a microfilm, microfiche, or other suitable media system. Such petition shall include a detailed description of:

1.-3. (No change.)

(e)-(f) (No change.)

(g) All original books, records, and documents shall be retained in accordance with the following retention schedules **unless otherwise authorized by the rules of Division**. However, nothing herein shall be construed as relieving a casino licensee or a [multi-casino] **WAP or MSPS** progressive slot system operator from meeting any obligation to maintain any book, record, or document required by any other Federal, state, or local governmental body, authority, or agency.

1.-5. (No change.)

6. Sixty-day retention:

i. (No change.)

[ii. Gaming vouchers redeemed at any location other than a slot machine which have been verified and electronically cancelled by the gaming voucher system;]

Recodify existing iii.-xiv. as **ii.-xiii.** (No change in text.)

7. Seven-day retention and may be destroyed without the notice required by (e) above:

i. (No change.)

ii. Contribution invoices sent to casino licensees participating in a [multi-casino progressive] **WAP or MSPS** slot system; [and]

iii. Jackpot activity reports generated by a [multi-casino progressive] **WAP or MSPS** slot system[.]; **and**

iv. Gaming vouchers redeemed at any location other than a slot machine which have been verified and electronically cancelled by the gaming voucher system.

8. (No change.)

9. No minimum retention and may be destroyed without the notice required by (e) above:

i.-xxiii. (No change.)

xxiv. Any **unissued or unused** coupon [issued and mailed or otherwise given to a patron and subsequently returned unused to the sender,] provided that all reconciliations have been conducted and resolved in accordance with the casino licensee's internal controls.

13:69D-1.9 Complimentary services or items

(a) (No change.)

(b) Each casino licensee shall prepare and maintain internal controls for the authorization and issuance of complimentaries for all complimentary programs that shall include without limitation:

1. (No change.)

2. For a complimentary distribution program:

i. (No change.)

ii. Procedures describing the manner by which the casino accounting department will reconcile complimentary distribution program offers issued, voided, **adjusted**, and redeemed.

(c)-(d) (No change.)

(e) Each licensee shall, upon the request of the Division, generate a report that details all individually issued cash or non-cash complimentaries in excess of \$2,000 on a daily basis. The issuance of [such] **cash or non-cash** complimentaries shall be supported by documentation which, at a minimum, includes:

1.-6. (No change.)

7. The patron signature, **except that cash complimentaries converted to cashable or non-cashable electronic funds do not require a patron signature.**

(f)-(g) (No change.)

(h) A casino licensee may, upon receipt of a written request, **including fax or e-mail**, from a patron and, in accordance with internal controls, credit a cash complimentary directly to:

1.-3. (No change.)

(i) (No change.)

(j) Prior to the crediting of any complimentary cash gift to the payment of an outstanding counter check, slot counter check, or returned check, the general cashier or check cashier shall verify that **the name and account information, including, where applicable**, the signature of the patron on the request, agrees with the [signature of the] patron **information** in a patron identification file.

(k)-(n) (No change.)

(o) A casino licensee shall not cancel a complimentary distribution program without providing five days notice to the public or in an emergent situation upon notification to the Division.

13:69D-1.11A Table of organization

- (a) (No change.)
- (b) The table of organization shall, for each department and division, include direct and indirect lines of authority within the department or division. Each page of a table of organization shall specify the following:
 - 1. The **effective** date [of its submission];
 - 2.-3. (No change.)
- (c) (No change.)

13:69D-1.12 Personnel assigned to the operation and conduct of gaming

- (a) Each casino licensee shall employ the personnel described in this section in the operation of its casino and casino simulcasting facility, subject to the limitations imposed by N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.11(a).
 - 1.-2. (No change.)
 - 3. **Unless otherwise permitted by this chapter, [Each] each employee shall perform only those functions associated with his or her assigned job title at the commencement of shift and will not perform any other functions during that shift.**
- (b) The following personnel shall be used to operate the games in an establishment:
 - 1. A casino clerk or a general cashier designated as a casino clerk shall be the person [located at a desk] in the pit [to prepare, process or retain] **responsible for** documentation required for the operation of table games.
 - 2. **A dealer shall be the person assigned to each table game to directly operate and conduct the game, provided, however, that a dealer may work as a game supervisor in a gaming pit where he or she has not dealt during the same shift.**
 - [2.] 3. A floormen shall be a supervisor assigned the responsibility for supervising the operation and conduct of all table games, including poker, **provided, however, that a floormen may work as a dealer in a gaming pit which he or she did not supervise during the same shift.**
 - [3.] 4. (No change in text.)
- (c)-(d) (No change.)

13:69D-1.12A Internal control procedures for access badge system and issuance of temporary identification credentials

- (a) Each **casino employee and each employee of a vendor who holds a casino employee registration who is required to have access to restricted areas during the course of his or her duties and any qualifier of a casino licensee's parent or holding company shall [prepare and maintain internal control procedures for:**
 - 1. Readily identifying each of its employees and other non-employee individuals who are permitted to have access to one or more restricted areas; and
 - 2. Issuing temporary identification credentials to employees] **display an access badge in accordance with this section.**
- (b) Each casino shall adhere to the following universal access codes:
 - 1. **Any employee designated with "A" access code shall have access to all areas, provided, however, that access to the count rooms is restricted during the count of gross revenue except for internal audit employees conducting an audit, and provided further that access to the surveillance room and catwalks shall be authorized by the Director of Surveillance. "A" access may only be issued to the following:**
 - i. **The chief executive officer and chief operating officer;**
 - ii. **The president;**
 - iii. **Members of the audit committee;**
 - iv. **The vice president and directors directly related to casino operations, casino finance, and casino administration;**
 - v. **The general counsel and associate general counsel (in-house);**
 - vi. **Casino security employees;**
 - vii. **Casino surveillance employees;**
 - viii. **Internal audit employees;**
 - ix. **A qualifier of a casino licensee's parent or holding company; and**
 - x. **Any person designated in the casino licensee's internal controls as responsible for the control of keys and locks required by N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.44.**

2. **Any employee designated with "M" access code shall have access to the IT computer room and shall have access to all other restricted areas with prior approval by a key licensee assigned to that restricted area. "M" access shall only be issued to IT department employees.**

3. **Any employee designated with "C" access shall have access to the restricted areas under the control of the casino accounting department pursuant to the rules of the Division and any gaming areas. "C" access shall only be issued to the following:**

- i. **Casino accounting employees;**
- ii. **Keno employees; and**
- iii. **Simulcast employees.**

4. **Any employee designated with "CS" access shall have access to the restricted areas controlled by an independent slot cage department.**

5. **Any employee designated with "P" access shall have access to the casino gaming pits and poker rooms. "P" access shall only be issued to the following:**

- i. **Casino games employees; and**
- ii. **Poker games employees.**

6. **Any employee designated with "S" access shall have access to the slot repair room and slot storage areas. "S" access shall only be issued to slot department employees.**

7. **A visitor or vendor employee who does not hold a casino employee registration shall be issued a "V" access badge, valid for one 24-hour period. Prior to access to restricted areas the visitor or vendor shall obtain permission of the restricted area department manager who shall provide notice to the surveillance department. Any visitor or vendor employee shall be accompanied at all times by a casino employee with the access code appropriate to the restricted area.**

8. **A vendor employee who holds a casino employee registration shall be issued a "T" access badge, valid for the duration of the registrant's employment with the vendor. The access badge shall include an additional access code designation which specifically identifies the area(s) of the casino to which the employee may have access unaccompanied by a casino employee.**

9. **All employees of a casino licensee requiring access to a restricted area with valid reason, who do not possess an access badge, shall be permitted access to such restricted area only with the permission of the restricted area department manager and notice to the surveillance department. Such employee shall be accompanied at all times by a casino employee with the access code appropriate to the restricted area.**

(c) **Each person issuing or authorizing access to any individual or employee shall record such authorization of that access, including identifying the name of the person, the area to be accessed, the purpose for the access, and the date and time of the authorization.**

(d) **Each casino licensee shall prepare and maintain internal control procedures for:**

1. **Readily identifying each of its employees and other non-employee individuals permitted to have access to one or more restricted areas; and**

2. **Issuing temporary identification credentials to employees.**

13:69D-1.13 Firearms; possession within casino or casino simulcasting facility

(a) **No person, including the security department members, shall possess or be permitted to possess any pistol or firearm within a casino or casino simulcasting facility without the express written approval of the Division provided that employees and agents of the Division may possess such pistols or firearms at the discretion of the director of the Division. At the request of the casino licensee's security department and upon its notification to the State Police, a law enforcement officer may, in an emergency situation, enter a casino or casino simulcasting facility with a firearm.**

(b)-(c) (No change.)

13:69D-1.14 Physical description of cashiers' main cage; satellite cage; master coin bank; coin vault; simulcast booth; slot booth and keno booth

(a) Each casino licensee shall have on or immediately adjacent to the gaming floor a physical structure known as a [cashiers'] main cage, which shall include segregated areas for the main bank, check bank, and chip bank, and may also include a master coin bank. Each casino licensee may also have, on or immediately adjacent to the gaming floor, one or more satellite cages. If a casino licensee operates two or more establishments physically connected in a manner approved by the Division, it shall operate a main cage in one of those establishments to serve as the central location for the functions set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.15 for all of the establishments.

(b) A cage **or satellite cage** shall be fully enclosed and [include a mantrap as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.1. The outer door of the mantrap shall be controlled by the security department and the inner door shall be controlled by the accounting department. The doors of the mantrap shall have separate and distinct locking mechanisms on each door of the double door entry and exit system. The mantrap shall be subject to continuous CCTV coverage. In addition, a cage] shall, at a minimum:

1.-3. (No change.)

4. Provide for closed circuit television cameras capable of accurate visual monitoring and taping of any activities; [and]

5. Require any emergency exit door that is not a mantrap to be alarmed[.]; **and**

6. Include a mantrap if the cage or satellite cage secure assets, including, but not limited to, currency, coins, tokens, gaming plaques, or gaming chips having a value greater than an amount established by the Division. The outer door of the mantrap shall be controlled by the security department and the inner door shall be controlled by the accounting department. The doors of the mantrap shall have separate and distinct locking mechanisms on each door of the double door entry and exit system. The mantrap shall be subject to continuous CCTV coverage.

(c)-(f) (No change.)

(g) Whenever the rules of the Division or the internal controls of a casino licensee require or authorize documents to be transported between cages, the casino licensee shall transport the documents through the use of a pneumatic tube system[,], **or a secure cabinet or bag. The secure cabinet or bag shall be transported by a casino cage supervisor or above,** or by a casino security department representative.

13:69D-1.15 Accounting controls and functions for the cashiers' main cage; satellite cage; master coin bank; coin vault; simulcast booth; slot booth; and chipperson

(a)-(e) (No change.)

(f) The assets for which each general cashier is responsible shall be maintained on an imprest basis. A general cashier shall not permit any other person to access their imprest inventory. General cashiers functions shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1.-2. (No change.)

3. Receive cash, cash equivalents, casino checks, [casino affiliate checks,] and annuity jackpot trust checks from patrons in exchange for currency, slot tokens, **gaming chips or plaques, gaming vouchers,** or coin;

4.-9. (No change.)

10. Prepare [Jackpot] Payout Slips and Hopper Fill Slips;

11.-12. (No change.)

13. Prepare patron credit files and verify information therein supporting patron credit; [and]

14. Exchange and reconcile imprest funds used by slot attendants, including imprest change/pouch payout funds[.]; **and**

15. Exchange gift cards for cashable or non-cashable credits.

(g)-(h) (No change.)

(i) Main bank cashiers' functions shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Receive cash, gaming vouchers, cash equivalents, issuance copies of Slot Counter Checks, original copies of [Jackpot] Payout Slips, personal

checks received for non-gaming purposes, slot tokens, prize tokens, gaming chips, and plaques from general cashiers in exchange for cash;

2.-19. (No change.)

20. Issue and receive currency cassettes, currency cassette reject bins, coin hoppers, and returned coin; [and]

21. Process exchanges with master coin cashiers, supported by documentation with signatures thereon, for the effective segregation of functions in the cashiers' cage[.]; **and**

22. Exchange funds with hotel cashiering supported by proper documentation.

(j) Master coin bank cashiers' functions shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1.-6. (No change.)

7. Prepare [Jackpot] Payout and Hopper Fill Slips;

8.-11. (No change.)

12. Issue and receive currency cassettes, currency cassette reject bins, coin hoppers, and returned coin with respect to the operation of automated [jackpot] payout machines;

13. (No change.)

14. Perform exchanges with the main bank supported by proper documentation in accordance with [approved] internal controls.

(k) (No change.)

(l) A chipperson shall commence his or her shift with an imprest inventory ("chipperson inventory") of gaming chips received from the chip bank and currency received from the main bank, in exchange for proper documentation. The chipperson inventory shall be placed and kept in a lockable cart known as a "chip cart." For a given shift, each chipperson shall have his or her own chip cart, and no other person shall operate from the chip cart of that chipperson. When not in use, all chip carts shall be stored in a segregated and secure area, the keys to which shall be maintained and controlled either by the accounting department or the security department. Each key shall be signed-in and signed-out. No casino licensee shall cause or permit coin, currency, coupons, gaming chips or slot tokens to be added to, or coin, currency or gaming chips to be removed from, the chip inventory during the gaming day except:

1. In an even exchange with a chipperson by a patron [seated at a] **in a designated poker [table] area** [while a game is in progress];

2.-3. (No change.)

(m)-(p) (No change.)

(q) A casino pari-mutuel cashier assigned to a pari-mutuel window shall count **and verify** the simulcast inventory [in the presence of the vault cashier or simulcast shift supervisor] at the simulcast vault, and shall agree the count to the simulcast count sheet. The casino pari-mutuel cashier shall sign the count sheet attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded thereon. The simulcast inventory shall be placed in a cashier's drawer and transported directly to the appropriate pari-mutuel window by the casino pari-mutuel cashier.

(r)-(t) (No change.)

13:69D-1.16 Drop boxes for table games and electronic table games; gaming table slot cash storage boxes

(a) (No change.)

(b) Each drop box and gaming table [slot] cash storage box shall have:

1. A lock, the key to which shall be controlled by the accounting department, designed to secure the contents placed into the drop box. **Access to the key shall be limited to supervisors of the accounting department and shall be controlled, at a minimum, by a sign-out and sign-in procedure described in the casino licensee's internal controls;**

2.-5. (No change.)

6. Except for emergency boxes in (d) below, [A] a permanent imprint or impression thereon, a number ("table number"), which shall be clearly visible through the CCTV system and corresponds to a permanent number on the gaming table.

(c) In addition to bearing a table number, each drop box and gaming table [slot] cash storage box may also be identified by a bar code label that is securely affixed thereto. Each bar code label affixed to a drop box shall be:

1.-2. (No change.)

(d) (No change.)

13:69D-1.17 Table game drop boxes, transport to and from gaming tables; storage

(a) Each casino licensee shall file with the Division a schedule setting forth the specific times when drop boxes are to be removed from a gaming table or electronic table game to be counted and recorded. Drop boxes shall be removed, counted, and recorded, at a minimum, once each gaming day, provided, however, a drop box need not be so removed if:

1. The drop box is from a **gaming pit in which no table** [that] was [never] opened for gaming [on that gaming day]; and

2. The casino licensee advises **the Division, the surveillance department, the security department, and the count team** of a change to the schedule to collect and count the drop boxes.

(b)-(e) (No change.)

(f) [The casino security department member shall remove the trolley(s) containing the empty boxes from the count room or other storage area and transport them to each gaming pit.] **A casino security department member shall remove the trolley(s) containing the empty boxes from the count room or other storage area and perform a physical count of the empty boxes removed from storage. The count and the gaming date shall be documented on a drop box verification form. The security department member shall compare the count of the empty drop boxes to the collection schedule. Any discrepancy between the number of empty drop boxes physically counted and the number indicated on the collection schedule shall be recorded on the drop box verification form. After preparation, the security department member shall sign the form. Any discrepancy shall be investigated, explained, and reported to the Division by a security department supervisor.**

(g) (No change.)

(h) For each pit where drop boxes are exchanged, a casino games supervisor shall [record on a drop box verification form, at a minimum, the following:

1. The gaming date;
2. The trolley number;
3. The pit number; and
4. The number of empty drop boxes on the trolley for that pit.]

verify that the number of empty drop boxes delivered to the gaming pit equals the number of drop boxes scheduled to be picked up from the gaming pit.

(i) The casino games supervisor [in (h) above] shall:

1. Sign the drop box verification form before the trolley leaves the pit attesting that the number of drop boxes being removed from the pit equals the number of drop boxes that have been loaded on the trolley[, and]. **Any discrepancy shall be investigated, explained, and reported to the Division. The supervisor shall also attest that the security padlock on the trolley is locked prior to the trolley leaving the pit and transported to a secure area, provided, however, that the padlock shall secure the trolley door, but need not be locked, if the trolley is to move from one pit to another;** and

2. Obtain the signature of a security department member on the drop box verification form attesting to the accuracy of such reconciliation [and that the trolley has been secured with a locked padlock].

(j) If any unsecured currency is found [in a pit,] in the vicinity of a gaming table or during the exchange of drop boxes [as described in (g) above], a casino games supervisor shall:

1.-2. (No change.)

3. Deposit the unsecured currency in [the] a drop box [attached to the table] **being exchanged.**

(k) All drop boxes removed from gaming tables and the drop box verification form shall be transported in [the] locked trollies directly to and secured in the count room by at least one casino security department member. The security department member shall verify that the total number of drop boxes in each trolley equals the number of drop boxes recorded on its corresponding drop box verification form. **A security department member shall sign the drop box verification form attesting that the trolley is locked prior to movement to the count room.** [Any discrepancies between the number of drop boxes recorded for each pit and the number of drop boxes in the trolley after the collection of all scheduled pits shall be explained and documented on the

drop box verification form, a copy of which shall be provided to the Division.]

(l) [A] **Whenever a full or inoperable drop box** [that must] **shall be replaced** [outside of the table game drop schedule shall be replaced] with an empty [emergency] drop box ("**emergency drop box**"). [The], **the use of a trolley shall not be required** [when a drop box is replaced by an emergency drop box]. The **replaced** drop box shall be removed and transported **either in a trolley if during the drop process or** directly to and secured in the count room by at least one casino security department member and one casino games supervisor as follows:

1. A casino security department member shall notify the surveillance department which shall monitor and record the transaction. **A security officer shall not transfer more than two emergency drop boxes at one time.** If more than one drop box is to be removed, such notification shall include the order in which the boxes will be removed and replaced.

2.-5. (No change.)

6. A security department member shall **copy the triplicate and** place the triplicate in a locked accounting box [and deliver a photocopy]. **The copy shall be delivered** within 24 hours to the Division's on-site office;

7.-9. (No change.)

(m)-(n) (No change.)

13:69D-1.19 Acceptance of tips or gratuities from patrons

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

(c) If a casino elects to use the alternatives in (b)li or ii above, the chips placed in the tube or chip conversion area shall only be [of a \$1.00] **up to a \$5.00** denomination and visible to the CCTV system. The exchange of chips in the tube or chip conversion area from the chip reserve compartment[,] may be authorized and shall be observed by a casino supervisor. [Such exchanges shall only be done in five dollar increments.] The dealer shall count and place the [one dollar] chips in the chip reserve compartment and then immediately deposit the equivalent value chip(s) in the locked tip box. When a table closes, any chips remaining in the tube or the chip conversion area on the lock box shall be immediately deposited in the locked box;

(d)-(h) (No change.)

13:69D-1.20 Table inventory; table inventory container; chip reserve compartment

(a) (No change.)

(b) The table inventory at each gaming table other than a craps, **baccarat**, or roulette table shall be kept in a table inventory container which shall hold all the chips, coins, and plaques in a single layer of horizontal stacks, separated by type or denomination. Stacks of more than 20 chips shall be divided into groups of 20 each group separated by a clear disk.

1.-5. (No change.)

(c)-(e) (No change.)

(f) Whenever the table inventory container is removed from or returned to the table, the surveillance department shall be notified.

1. Upon removal, if the contents of the table inventory container have not been credited, the table inventory container shall be transported by a member of the security department and secured in the casino cage. If the contents of the table inventory container have been credited, the table inventory container may be removed after the [Opener] **Closer** has been placed by a casino supervisor in the drop box attached to the table.

2. (No change.)

13:69D-1.21 Procedures for counting table inventory

(a)-(d) (No change.)

(e) Any discrepancy between the amount of gaming chips, coins, and plaques counted and the amount of the gaming chips, coins, and plaques recorded on the [Opener] **Table Inventory Slip** shall be immediately verbally reported to the casino manager, assistant casino manager, or table games shift manager in charge at such time and the security and surveillance departments. For any discrepancy greater than [\$5.00] **\$25.00**, security or surveillance personnel shall promptly prepare and sign a report. For any discrepancy of \$100.00 or more, a copy of the report shall be provided to the Division.

(f)-(h) (No change.)

13:69D-1.22 Procedure for distributing gaming chips, coins, and/or plaques to a gaming table

(a)-(c) (No change.)
 (d) A Fill Slip shall be, at a minimum, a sequentially numbered three-part form and each series shall be accounted for by casino accounting department employees with no incompatible functions. A Fill Slip shall include at a minimum, the following:

- 1.-5. (No change.)
6. The signature of the chip bank cashier (original[,] and duplicate);
- 7.-9. (No change.)
- (e)-(h) (No change.)

(i) The security department member shall deliver the Fill to the gaming table. The dealer or boxperson shall count the chips, coins, and/or plaques and compare the count to the original and duplicate Fill Slip in the presence of the casino supervisor. In addition, if the Request and Fill Slip were manually prepared, the dealer or boxperson shall agree the Fill to the duplicate Request that was maintained in view of the CCTV system on the gaming table. If no discrepancy exists, the dealer or boxperson and casino supervisor shall sign the Fill Slip and the security department member shall:

- 1.-2. (No change.)
3. Obtain the original Fill Slip from the dealer or boxperson.
 - i. If the Fill Slip is computer prepared, it shall be delivered to a casino clerk or casino supervisor who shall confirm through the computer that the Fill has been accepted at the gaming table. The confirmation shall automatically cause an acknowledgement to be printed **or, if the system is incapable of printing an acknowledgement, recorded** at the chip bank. A chip bank cashier shall compare the acknowledgement to the triplicate Fill Slip to confirm receipt of the Fill at the gaming table. The original Fill Slip shall be maintained by the casino clerk.

- ii. (No change.)
- (j)-(l) (No change.)

(m) A casino accounting department employee with no incompatible functions shall obtain all Fill Slips and, as applicable, **requests** and error notification forms, from the chip bank cashiers and casino clerks on a daily basis for reconciliation to stored data and the forms removed from the table game drop boxes.

13:69D-1.23 Procedure for removing gaming chips, coins, and/or plaques from a gaming table

(a)-(c) (No change.)
 (d) A Credit Slip shall be, at a minimum, a sequentially numbered three-part form and each series shall be accounted for by casino accounting department employees with no incompatible functions. A Credit Slip shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- 1.-4. (No change.)
5. The signature of the chip bank cashier (original[, duplicate] and in computer mode, the triplicate);
- 6.-8. (No change.)
- (e)-(g) (No change.)

(h) Upon receipt of the Credit Slip and the clear container at the gaming table, the dealer or boxperson shall **place the original and duplicate Credit Slip on the gaming table in view of the CCTV system. The dealer or boxperson shall then** remove the chips, coins, and/or plaques from the table inventory and count them in the presence of the casino supervisor and the security department member **and place the chips, coins, and/or plaques in the clear container.** The dealer or boxperson, the casino supervisor, and the security department member shall sign **both the original and duplicate** Credit Slip attesting to the agreement of chips, coins, and/or plaques removed from the table inventory to the information recorded on the Credit Slip. The security department member shall:

- 1.-3. (No change.)
- (i)-(j) (No change.)
- (k) If a discrepancy exists between the chips, coins, and/or plaques pursuant to the comparison in (i) above (for example, an incorrect denomination or total amount), a cage supervisor shall notify the surveillance department and either:
 1. (No change.)

2. Accept the Credit, record the reason for the discrepancy on the Credit Slip, and prepare a two-part error notification form, **a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Division's in-house office and shall include**, at a minimum:

- i.-iv. (No change.)
- (l)-(n) (No change.)

13:69D-1.24 Procedure for acceptance, accounting for, withdrawal, and refund of patron deposits

(a) Whenever a patron requests a casino licensee to hold his or her cash or non-cash items (for example, cash equivalent, casino check, [casino affiliate check,] annuity jackpot trust check, complimentary cash gift, chips, plaques, slot tokens, prize tokens, wire transfer, electronic fund transfer, gaming voucher, and electronic credits) authorized to be accepted pursuant to the Division's rules for subsequent use, the patron shall deliver the cash or non-cash item, to a general cashier who shall deposit the cash or non-cash item for credit to a patron deposit account established for that patron pursuant to this section.

(b) If a casino licensee issues manual patron deposit withdrawals to a patron and allows the patron to participate in electronic account wagering, the casino licensee shall maintain two separate patron deposit accounts, one account strictly for the use of deposits associated with counter check and slot counter check withdrawals and a second account strictly for the use of electronic account based wagering. The casino licensee shall be prohibited from commingling the accounts or allowing transfers between the accounts.]

Recodify existing (c)-(h) as **(b)-(g)** (No change in text.)

[(i) **(h)** A patron may request a refund of the remaining balance of his or her funds on deposit by:

1. Sending the casino licensee a signed written request for a refund [together]; or
2. (No change.)

[(j) **(i)** Upon receiving a request for a refund, a cashier shall verify the identity of the patron **in accordance with (b)1 above** and the balance remaining in the patron's account. Upon completing the verifications and prior to disbursing the refund, the cashier shall prepare refund documentation which may include a Slot Counter Check prepared in accordance with [(i) above] **N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.25**. The documentation shall include the following information:

- 1.-6. (No change.)
- Recodify existing (k)-(m) as **(j)-(l)** (No change in text.)

13:69D-1.24B Procedure for sending funds by wire transfer or electronic fund transfer

(a) (No change.)
 (b) The general cashier shall obtain a Wire Transfer or Electronic Fund Transfer Request Form, a four-part serially prenumbered form, and shall record thereon, at a minimum, the following:

- 1.-7. (No change.)
8. The signature of the [reserve cash] **main bank** cashier.
- (c) (No change.)

(d) After verifying the patron's signature, the general cashier shall present the Wire Transfer or Electronic Fund Transfer Request Form to the [reserve cash] **main bank** cashier, who shall sign the form and retain the original and duplicate copy. The general cashier shall retain the triplicate copy of the form and shall give the patron the quadruplicate copy of the form as evidence of the wire transfer or electronic fund transfer request.

(e) The [reserve cash] **main bank** cashier shall immediately forward the original Wire Transfer or Electronic Fund Transfer Request Form to the accounting department as authorization to affect the transfer, and shall retain the duplicate copy for agreement with the triplicate copy held by the general cashier. At the end of the gaming day, and upon agreement of the duplicate and triplicate copies of the Wire Transfer or Electronic Fund Transfer Request Form, the [reserve cash] **main bank** cashier shall forward both copies of the form to the accounting department.

(f) (No change.)

(g) At the end of the gaming day **in which the wire transfer is transmitted**, the accounting department shall compare the duplicate and triplicate copies of the Wire Transfer or Electronic Fund Transfer Request Form to the original.

13:69D-1.25 Procedure for acceptance of checks, cash equivalents, and credit cards; issuance of Counter Checks or Slot Counter Checks

(a) A casino licensee may, at a location outside the casino, accept a personal check or checks from a person for up to \$5,000 in exchange for cash or cash equivalents and may, within a casino at a cashiers' cage, [or] satellite cage, **or a slot booth**, accept a personal check or checks from a person for up to \$5,000 in exchange for cash, cash equivalents, tokens, chips, or plaques to enable that person to take part in gaming or simulcast wagering as a player, provided that:

1.-5. (No change.)

6. The check is restrictively endorsed "For Deposit Only" to the casino licensee's bank account **or, for an electronic check, an alternative methodology approved by the Division**, and deposited on the next banking day following the date of the transaction;

7.-9. (No change.)

(b) A casino licensee may accept a check or checks from a person in exchange for cash or cash equivalents, in order to establish a customer deposit account or in payment of outstanding Counter Checks, provided that:

1. The check is:

i. For a specific amount, dated but not post-dated, accepted at the cashiers' main cage or satellite cage by general cashiers, and issued by a casino licensee [or casino affiliate], which is made payable to the person presenting the check, and issued for a purpose other than employment compensation or as payment for goods or services rendered (a casino check);

ii. Issued by a banking institution which is chartered in a country other than the United States on its account at a Federally-chartered or state-chartered bank and made payable to "cash," "bearer," [a] the casino licensee, or the person presenting the check (a foreign bank check);

iii. Issued by a banking institution which is chartered in the United States on its account at another Federally-chartered or state-chartered bank and made payable to "cash," "bearer," [a] the casino licensee, or the person presenting the check (a domestic bank check); or

iv. Issued by a slot system operator or pursuant to an annuity jackpot guarantee as payment for winnings from a [multi-casino progressive] **WAP or MSPS** slot machine system jackpot (slot system operator check);

2.-3. (No change.)

(c)-(g) (No change.)

[h] Whenever a patron requests to withdraw funds from a patron account by a Counter Check or Slot Counter Check, a general cashier or casino clerk shall:

1. Prepare a Counter Check Request (Request), which shall include, at a minimum:

- i. The date of the request;
- ii. The originating location;
- iii. The amount;

iv. The printed question: "Are you the Governor, any State officer or employee, or any special State officer or employee, any member of the Judiciary, any member of the Legislature, any officer of a municipality or county in which casino gaming is authorized, or any gaming related casino employee?"; and

v. The patron's response to (h)1iv above;

2. Obtain the patron's signature on the Request;

3. Sign the Request after verifying the patron's identity by either:

- i. Comparing the signature to the patron identification file established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.5A;
- ii. Obtaining the signature of a casino or slot supervisor attesting to the identity of the patron; or
- iii. Recording the sequence number of a Counter Check or Slot Counter Check on which the patron's identity was previously verified; and

4. Verify that there are sufficient funds in the patron account to satisfy the patron's Request by accessing the patron account at a computer terminal. If the computer system is inoperable, the general cashier or casino clerk shall obtain the available balance from a check bank cashier and record the name and license number of the check bank cashier on the Request.]

(h) Whenever a patron requests to withdraw funds from a patron account by a Counter Check or Slot Counter Check, a general cashier, casino clerk, floorperson, or above, or a slot supervisor if the counter check is issued at a slot machine, shall prepare a Counter Check Request (Request), which shall include, at a minimum:

1. The date of the request;

2. The originating location of the request (table game, slot location, or cashiering location identifier);

3. The amount requested;

4. The printed question and patron's response: "Are you the Governor, any State officer or employee, or any special State officer or employee, any member of the Judiciary, any member of the Legislature, any officer of a municipality or county in which casino gaming is authorized, or any gaming related casino employee?";

5. The patron's signature, if applicable;

6. The sequence number of a previously issued Counter Check number, if the patron's identity is verified pursuant to (i)3 below; and

7. The signature of the verifier in accordance with (i) below.

(i) Prior to generating a Counter Check or Slot Counter Check, the patron's identity shall be verified by:

1. A general cashier or casino clerk comparing the signature on the Request to the patron identification file established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.5A;

2. A casino or slot supervisor attesting to the identity of the patron by signing the Request; or

3. The general cashier or casino clerk who, during his or her shift, previously verified the patron's identity in accordance with (i)1 above.

(j) A general cashier or casino clerk shall verify that there are sufficient funds in the patron account to satisfy the patron's Request by accessing the patron account at a computer terminal. If the computer system is inoperable, the general cashier or casino clerk shall obtain the available balance from a check bank cashier and record the name and license number of the check bank cashier on the Request.

[(i) (k) (No change in text.)

[(j) (l) Upon receipt of a Request, a Counter Check[s] and] or Slot Counter Check[s] shall be prepared by a general or slot booth cashier or casino clerk, as applicable, and made payable to the casino licensee or include an indication that the funds are drawn from a patron deposit account. Counter Checks and Slot Counter Checks shall, at a minimum, include the following:

1.-3. (No change.)

4. The location of issuance (**pit or cashiering location identifier**);

5.-7. (No change.)

[(k) (m) For Counter Checks issued at a table game, a general cashier or casino clerk shall present the Counter Check to a casino supervisor who shall review the Counter Check for accuracy and sign the original and duplicates. The general cashier or casino clerk shall then present the original and duplicates to the patron for signature; provided, however, that a casino licensee may require the patron to sign only the original and have a computer generated facsimile of the signature exemplar obtained from the patron's identification file pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.5A preprinted on the duplicates. [A general cashier or casino clerk shall verify the signature of the patron on the original Counter Check to the Request and process the Counter Check.]

1.-2. (No change.)

3. The original and redemption copy shall be:

i. Transported expeditiously to the cage by a security department member, **cage supervisor**, or pneumatic tube system, and maintained in the check bank; or

ii. (No change.)

[(l) (n) For Slot Counter Checks issued to the patron at the cashier's cage, satellite cage, or slot booth, the general or slot booth cashier shall, in the presence of a cashier supervisor,] present the original and all duplicate copies to the patron for signature; provided, however, that a casino licensee may require the patron to sign only the original and have a computer generated facsimile of the signature exemplar obtained from

the patron's identification file pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.5A preprinted on the duplicate copies. The general or slot booth cashier shall:

1. [Obtain] **Prior to the issuance of funds to the patron, obtain the signature of a cage, slot booth, or slot supervisor on the original and duplicates verifying that the Slot Counter Check was prepared for the correct amount and correct patron at the time of issuance;**

2.-4. (No change.)

[(m)] (o) For Slot Counter Checks issued to a patron at a slot machine:

1. The general cashier or slot booth cashier **upon receipt of a Request shall prepare a slot counter check and** issue the cash, tokens, or gaming voucher(s) to a slot [department member] **attendant or above** who shall verify that the amount received agrees to the Slot Counter Check and the Request. The slot [department member] **attendant or above** shall sign the original and [duplicates, return the issuance copy to the general cashier or slot booth cashier to evidence receipt of the funds and maintain the Request and the original, redemption and accounting copy in order to complete the transaction at a slot machine] **all copies**. The slot [department member] **attendant or above** shall be:

i. A slot attendant if the amount of the Slot Counter Check is less than [\$10,000] **\$25,000**; or

ii. A slot attendant supervisor or above if the amount of the Slot Counter Check is [\$10,000] **\$25,000** or more;

2. The slot [department member,] **attendant or above shall be escorted by a security department member, a slot department supervisor with no incompatible functions,** or a general cashier or above (verifier) who shall verify that the amount received agrees to the Slot Counter Check and the Request. The [slot supervisor] **verifier** shall sign the original and duplicates[.]. **The slot attendant or above shall return the issuance copy to the general cashier or slot booth cashier to evidence receipt of the funds, and maintain the Request and the original, redemption and accounting copy in order to complete the transaction at a slot machine;**

3. The slot [supervisor] **attendant or above, in the presence of the verifier,** [escorted by a security department member or a casino accounting representative with no incompatible functions (verifier),] shall present the original, redemption and accounting copy of the Slot Counter Check to the patron for signature, provided, however, that a casino licensee may require the patron to sign only the original of the Slot Counter Check and have a computer generated facsimile of the signature exemplar obtained from the patron's identification file pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.5A preprinted on the duplicate copies. The slot supervisor **or above** shall verify the signature of the patron on the original Slot Counter Check to the Request and **the slot attendant or above shall issue the cash, tokens, or gaming voucher(s) to the patron.** The slot [supervisor] **attendant or above** and the verifier shall sign the back of the accounting copy **of the Slot Counter Check** evidencing the transfer of the funds to the patron; and

4. The slot [supervisor or the verifier] **attendant or above who conducted the transaction** shall return the Request and the original, redemption and accounting copies to the general cashier or slot booth cashier who shall:

i.-iv. (No change.)

Recodify existing (n)-(o) as **(p)-(q)** (No change in text.)

13:69D-1.26 Redemption, substitution, and consolidation of Counter Checks or Slot Counter Checks at the cashiers' cage; redemption of Counter Checks at a gaming table

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

(d) To process a redemption **(full or partial)**, substitution, or consolidation for the drawer at the cashiers' cage, satellite cage, or slot booth, a general cashier shall:

1.-5. (No change.)

(e) For a partial redemption, the general cashier shall prepare a Replacement Counter Check in an amount equal to the unpaid balance. The Replacement Counter Check shall include the information required by N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.25(j) except that the check shall be dated with the issuance date of the partially redeemed Counter Check or Slot Counter Check and include the partially redeemed check number. The general cashier[, in the presence of a casino supervisor,] shall process the Replacement Counter Check as follows:

1. Obtain the patron's signature on the check **and verify the identity of the patron pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.5A;**

2.-5. (No change.)

(f)-(g) (No change.)

(h) The drawer of one or more outstanding Counter Checks or Slot Counter Checks may initiate a total redemption transaction by mailing an authorized instrument to the casino licensee. A casino accounting department representative with no incompatible functions shall on a daily basis:

1. (No change.)

2. Transfer the mail-in payment to a general cashier. The general cashier shall process the check in accordance with (d) above except that:

i. (No change.)

ii. The original Counter Check or Slot Counter shall be **marked "Paid" and returned to the patron by [certified] mail unless the patron has specifically requested that the check be destroyed. If the patron does not provide instructions as to the disposition of the check, the casino licensee may destroy the check after 14 days.**

(i)-(j) (No change.)

13:69D-1.27 Procedures for establishing patron credit accounts, and recording checks exchanged, redeemed, or consolidated

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

(c) For each patron requesting, and prior to the approval of an initial extension of credit, a casino licensee shall:

1.-2. (No change.)

3. Verify the patron's banking account information, **provided, however, that if a patron's bank declines to provide the verifying information, the casino employee requesting the information shall document and attest to the refusal and shall perform a credit check of the patron.**

(d)-(g) (No change.)

[13:69D-1.30 through 1.31 (Reserved)]

13:69D-1.30 Uncollected table game vigorish

(a) Whenever table game vigorish is not collected from a patron by a casino licensee, a casino clerk or casino supervisor shall prepare a sequentially numbered, two-part Uncollected Vigorish form which shall be accounted for by employees of the casino accounting department. The form shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. The date;

2. The table game;

3. The amount of the uncollected vigorish;

4. The patron name, if known;

5. The signature of the dealer; and

6. The signature of the casino clerk or casino supervisor.

(b) Upon completion of the Uncollected Vigorish form, the dealer shall deposit the original in the drop box. The casino clerk or casino supervisor shall deposit the duplicate in a locked accounting box for forwarding to the casino accounting department at the end of the gaming day.

(c) The casino accounting department shall agree the original and duplicate Uncollected Vigorish forms and report an increase to table game revenue in a manner approved by the Division.

13:69D-1.31 Slot machine statistics

(a) A casino licensee shall, for each slot machine, review one or more statistical reports to determine whether the machine operates in accordance with the prototype approved by the Division.

(b) A casino licensee shall identify and investigate all slot machines that have a variance between the theoretical and actual RTP inconsistent with the approved prototype taking into consideration the volume of play.

(c) A casino licensee shall notify the Division of any slot machines identified in (b) above and the results of the investigation.

13:69D-1.32 Count rooms; physical characteristics; count protocols

(a) A casino licensee shall have one or more rooms to be known as a "count room" in an area approved by the Division specifically designated, designed, and used for counting the contents of table drop boxes, slot cash storage boxes, slot drop buckets, and slot drop boxes. If a casino

licensee counts the contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes in a different room from the room where the table drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes are counted, "soft count room," it shall be known as the "hard count room." **The count room may be utilized to count non-gaming revenue provided the casino licensee complies with all requirements of this section and the count occurs separately from the count of gaming revenue.**

(b) Each casino licensee shall include in its internal controls a description of all equipment **and software** used in the counting and recording process and all other systems used for purposes related to the counting of gross revenue.

(c)-(d) (No change.)

(e) The soft count room shall have:

1.-2. (No change.)

3. A locked accounting box, the key to which shall be maintained and controlled [by a supervisor] in the casino accounting department [with no incompatible functions] **and not be accessible to any member of the count team.**

(f)-(p) (No change.)

13:69D-1.33 Procedure for opening, counting, and recording contents of table drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes

(a) Immediately prior to the commencement of the count process, a count room supervisor shall:

1.-2. (No change.)

3. Reconcile the number of boxes recorded on the drop box **or slot cash storage box** verification form to the number of boxes secured in the trolley;

4.-5. (No change.)

(b) A casino licensee shall open, count, and record the contents of each drop box **or slot cash storage box** in the soft count room except that an emergency slot cash storage box may be held and counted on the regularly scheduled count for the slot machine from which it originated. For currency, gaming vouchers, and coupons, a casino licensee shall perform a second count to obtain the aggregate total of each denomination of currency and coupon, and the total number of gaming vouchers counted. The counts shall be independent of each other and access to the result of the first count shall not be available to the employee performing the second count until completion of the second count. At the completion of the second count, a comparison of the two counts shall be made and any discrepancies resolved by the count team supervisor.

(c)-(e) (No change.)

(f) As the contents of each table drop box are counted, if not already recorded in the computer system used to create the Master Game Report [and] **or supporting documentation as authorized by the Division**, a count team member shall manually record or cause a computer system to record, the following information by game and table number:

1.-14. (No change.)

15. The amount recorded on each [Complimentary] **Uncollected** Vigorish Form and the total amount of all [Complimentary] **Uncollected** Vigorish Forms;

16.-17. (No change.)

(g) In addition to the requirements of (f) above, the Master Game Report shall include:

1. (No change.)

2. The grand total for **each of the** items in (f)3 through 17 above;

3.-4. (No change.)

(h)-(i) (No change.)

(j) In addition to the requirements of (i) above, the Slot Cash Storage Box Report shall include:

1.-2. (No change.)

3. The total number of [drop] **slot cash storage** boxes opened and counted;

4. (No change.)

(k) (No change.)

(l) All suspected counterfeit currency shall be counted and recorded as drop on the Master Game Report or Slot Cash Storage Box Report. The counterfeit currency shall be segregated from all other currency and

placed in a transparent container. A count room supervisor shall [complete]:

1. **Complete** a Department of Treasury Counterfeit Note Report and place the container and report on the banking table; **and**

2. **Notify the Division's Technical Services Bureau of all suspected counterfeit currency removed from a slot cash storage box, including the asset number of the slot machine.**

(m) A count team member designated as the banker shall count each denomination of currency, [table game coupons,] tokens, and gaming chips, and verbalize the amounts. The count room supervisor shall verify the amount verbalized to the amount recorded on the Master Game Report or Slot Cash Storage Box Report. The banker and count team supervisor shall sign the report(s) attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded thereon. The information recorded thereon shall not be accessible to any person outside the count room until after the main bank cashier or cage supervisor ("cashier") has verified and accepted the drop unless otherwise authorized by the Division.

(n) (No change.)

(o) After the contents of the boxes have been counted and recorded on the Master Game Report and/or Slot Cash Storage Box Report, the count room supervisor shall notify the main cage. A cashier shall enter the count room and not have any access to the information recorded on the Master Game Report or the Slot Cash Storage Box Report. The cashier, in the presence of the banker, shall count the currency, [table game coupons,] coins, tokens, gaming chips, and mutilated or torn items.

1. Currency, [table game coupons,] coin, tokens, and gaming chips shall be presented in the count room by the banker to a main bank cashier or cage supervisor (cashier). Prior to having access to the information recorded on the Master Game Report or the Slot Cash Storage Box Report, the cashier, in the presence of the banker, shall count the items in accordance with the following requirements:

i. The cashier shall have physical access to all items presented for counting and no currency [or table game coupons] presented for counting shall be wrapped or placed in any sealed bag or container until the entire count has been completed and the Master Game Report or the Slot Cash Storage Box Report has been signed by the cashier;

ii. The cashier shall bulk count all strapped currency [and table game coupons]. The cashier shall count all partial straps, loose currency [and table game coupons], mutilated or torn currency and coupons, coin, tokens, and gaming chips either by hand or with an approved counting machine. If a discrepancy in an individual denomination is discovered during the initial count, the cashier shall recount the currency of that denomination either by hand or with an approved counting machine; **and**

iii. The cashier shall randomly count [the currency within at least 10 percent of the total number of] **five straps of currency for each denomination**. The count shall be by hand or with an approved counting device[; and

iv. The cashier shall randomly sample the table game coupons for intermixed denominations and proper cancellation].

2. If the total currency [or total coupons] counted by the cashier [do] **does** not agree with a total on the Master Game Report or Slot Cash Storage Box Report and the **variance** cannot be resolved, a Drop Variance Report shall be completed by the count room supervisor. The original shall be delivered to the Division and the duplicate placed in the locked accounting box in the count room. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following:

i. (No change.)

ii. The [source of] **reason for** the variance [(currency and/or coupon)];

iii.-vii. (No change.)

3. Upon completion of the cashier's count, the cashier shall attest by signature on the Master Game Report and/or Slot Cash Storage Box Report, that the amount of cash from drop boxes counted[, and the amount of coupons from table drop boxes counted as recorded on these documents,] and, if applicable, the Drop Variance Report, agrees with the total amount[s] of cash [and coupons] counted by the count team. Upon attestation, all items other than coupons and vouchers shall be under the exclusive control of the cashier and shall not be handled by a count team member.

(p) Once all required signatures have been obtained, [a] **an electronic** copy of the totals page of the original Master Game Report[, and Slot

Cash Storage Box Report [and disc(s) detailing all gaming vouchers and coupons counted, shall be delivered to the Division. In addition, an electronic copy of the Master Game Report and/or Slot Cash Storage Box Report] shall be filed with the Division within 48 hours of the completion of the drop.

(q) [Each] **If a count room employee generates any** copy of an original Master Game Report or Slot Cash Storage Box Report, [which is not part of a multi-part form] **it** shall be stamped [with the word] “copy” by the count room supervisor [prior to its distribution].

(r) (No change.)

(s) The original Master Game Report and Slot Cash Storage Box Report, after signing, and any other supporting documentation shall be placed in the locked accounting box **or other approved secure device** located in the count room. A member of the casino accounting department [with no incompatible functions] shall retrieve the contents of the locked accounting box and the gaming vouchers and coupons which were processed during the count [immediately] after the cashier verifies, accepts, and removes the drop from the count room.

[(t) For each trolley scheduled for the next drop, the count team supervisor shall determine that the number of empty boxes on the trolley is correct. The count team supervisor shall prepare and sign a drop box verification form as required by N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.17, with the following:

1. The trolley number;
2. The pit number and number of empty boxes by pit, if applicable;
3. The slot zone and number of empty boxes by zone, if applicable; and
4. The total boxes in the trolley.]

[(u)] **(t)** A count room [employee] **supervisor** shall conduct a thorough inspection of the entire count room and all counting equipment located therein to verify that no cash, tokens, gaming chips, gaming vouchers, or coupons remain in the room [and shall certify the foregoing in a writing which shall be filed with the Division]. **The supervisor shall sign and record the date and time of the inspection on a count room inspection log maintained in the count room.**

[(v)] **(u)** (No change in text.)

(v) Whenever unsecured currency, coins, chips, a gaming voucher, or a coupon is found inside the count room at a time other than during the count process, an electronic notification shall be submitted to the casino controller and the Division. The casino licensee shall secure the funds in the emergency box trolley or a locked container in the count room until the next count at which time the funds will be included on either the Master Game Report or Slot Cash Storage Box Report, as applicable.

13:69D-1.34 Table game revenue reporting requirements; keno revenue; **gaming tournament revenue**

(a)-(f) (No change.)

(g) If a casino licensee conducts [table game] **gaming** tournaments in accordance with the rules of the Division, a casino accounting department member shall calculate the daily [table game] **gaming** tournament revenue and prepare a **gaming** tournament revenue report in a manner approved by the Division.

(h)-(j) (No change.)

13:69D-1.35 Accounting controls for automated [jackpot] payout machines and gaming voucher redemption machines

(a) In conjunction with the removal of the bill validator boxes as required by N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.33A, a casino licensee shall reconcile the contents of the gaming voucher redemption machines. In addition, at least once every seven days, automated [jackpot] payout machines shall be emptied and reconciled.

(b) A Currency Cassette/Coin Hopper Fill Slip (Cash Fill) shall be prepared by a main bank or master coin bank cashier whenever an automated [jackpot] payout machine or gaming voucher redemption machine fill is to be performed. Cash Fills shall be serially prenumbered, each series of Cash Fills shall be used in sequential order, and the series numbers of all Cash Fills received by a casino licensee shall be accounted for by the casino accounting department. All original and duplicate void Cash Fills shall be marked “VOID” and shall require the signature of the preparer.

(c) Cash Fills shall be, at a minimum, a two-part form, manually prepared or computer generated and shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The designation of the machine to which the fill is to be performed as an automated [jackpot] payout machine or gaming voucher redemption machine and its identification number;

2.-5. (No change.)

6. The signature of the main bank or master coin bank cashier who prepared the Cash Fill attesting to the accuracy [on] **of** the information thereon; and

7. (No change.)

(d) [The employee of the casino accounting or independent slot machine cage department] **A casino accounting department employee** with no incompatible function [performing] **completing** the fill shall receive the currency cassettes, currency cassette reject bins, coin hoppers, or coin hopper fills from the cashier. The main bank or master coin bank **cage** cashier shall maintain the original Cash Fill, and the employee performing the fill shall retain the duplicate until the fill is completed.

(e) The employee performing the fill shall sign out [the key] **one or more keys that provide access** to the machine’s [cabinet] **cassettes** from a [casino accounting] **cage** supervisor in accordance with the casino licensee’s sign-out and sign-in procedures.

(f)-(g) (No change.)

(h) The employee performing the fill shall return all removed currency cassettes, currency cassette reject bins, coin hoppers, and coin to the main bank, [or] master coin bank, **or other location approved by the Division** [and the]. **The key shall be returned** to the [casino accounting] **cage** supervisor.

(i) A main bank or master coin bank cashier **or an accounting department employee with no incompatible function** shall count and document the value of the contents of each removed currency cassette, currency cassette reject bin, and removable coin hopper, and any returned coin, on a two-part receipt (Balance Receipt).

(j) The [cashier shall retain the] original Balance Receipt **shall be forwarded to the main bank or master coin bank** as an [inventory] **accountability** document [until forwarded directly to the casino accounting department with the end-of-day main bank or master coin bank paperwork]. The duplicate Balance Receipt shall be placed in a locked accounting box.

(k) Any manual slot payout funded from an automated [jackpot] payout machine, but subsequently voided due to a slot machine malfunction or any other reason, shall be deposited with a main bank or master coin bank cashier and recorded and documented.

(l) (No change.)

(m) In accordance with (a) above, a main bank or master coin bank cashier or supervisor thereof shall obtain a report (Inventory Report) from each automated [jackpot] payout machine and gaming voucher redemption machine in order to determine the starting inventory amount for the machines.

1. The Inventory Report shall include, at a minimum:

i. (No change.)

ii. An indication whether the machine is an automated [jackpot] payout machine or gaming voucher redemption machine and the identification number of the machine; and

iii. (No change.)

2. The information shall be reconciled with any Cash Fills and the net total from the Inventory Report shall be the starting inventory amount for the automated [jackpot] payout machine or gaming voucher redemption machine; and

3. (No change.)

(n) The casino accounting department shall generate a report **or reports** (Automated [Jackpot] Payout Machine Journal Report) from each automated [jackpot] payout machine or related computer that documents each transaction conducted at the machine and shall also generate an independent report (Manual Slot Payout Report) from the casino licensee’s slot monitoring system which includes, at a minimum, as to each manual slot payout dispensed by an automated [jackpot] payout machine, the time and date, the asset number of the slot machine, the amount of the manual slot payout, and whether the manual slot payout

was a jackpot, a progressive jackpot, or a credit meter payout. The casino accounting department shall[,] confirm that:

1. The value of the currency cassette and coin hopper fills, as set forth on the Automated [Jackpot] Payout Machine Journal Report, agrees with the values recorded on the original Cash Fills, Fill Receipts, and the value of fills recorded on the main bank and/or master coin bank closeout form;

2. The value of cash remaining in removed currency cassettes, currency cassette reject bins, coin hoppers and any returned coin, as set forth on the Automated [Jackpot] Payout Machine Journal Report, agrees with the values recorded on the Credit Receipts and Balance Receipts and main bank and/or master coin bank closeout form; and

3. (No change.)

(o) The casino accounting department shall generate a report or reports (Gaming Voucher Redemption Machine Journal Report) from each gaming voucher redemption machine or related computer that documents each transaction conducted at the machine, and confirm that:

1.-2. (No change.)

(p) (No change.)

(q) Any variance of \$500.00 or more [discovered] **shall be documented** by the accounting department [pursuant to (p) above shall be] **and** reported in writing to [the casino controller, the slot department, and] the Division within 72 hours of the end of the gaming day during which the variance was discovered. The report shall indicate the cause of the variance and shall contain any documentation required to support the stated explanation.

13:69D-1.36 Slot machines and bill changers; coin and slot token containers; slot cash storage boxes; entry authorization logs

(a) Each slot machine which accepts coin or tokens shall have:

1.-2. (No change.)

3. On those slot machines which include a bill changer, a secure, tamper-resistant container known as a slot cash storage box, in which shall be deposited all currency, gaming vouchers, and coupons inserted into the bill changer. [If the slot machine does not contain a hopper, the] **The slot cash storage box shall be accessible [only] by a dedicated bill changer drop door that can be opened without opening the slot machine's main door or any other compartment of the slot machine if the slot machine's hopper contains coins or tokens.**

(b)-(j) (No change.)

13:69D-1.37 Account based wagering system procedures

(a) A casino licensee may operate an electronic account based wagering system which permits a patron to upload and download efunds.

1. (No change.)

2. A casino licensee may issue efunds that are cashable or non-cashable, **whether as a complimentary, in exchange for a gift card, or otherwise purchased by a patron in accordance with internal controls.** If a slot machine has both cashable and non-cashable efunds available for play, all non-cashable efunds shall automatically be wagered before any cashable efunds are wagered.

(b) (No change.)

(c) The internal audit department shall be responsible for testing a designated sample of [transaction locations upon implementation of the account based wagering system, after any approved changes thereto, and] **electronic gaming devices** on [a semi-annual] **an annual** basis to ensure the [continued] accuracy, integrity, and suitability of the system **in accordance with an audit program approved by the Division prior to implementation of account based wagering.**

(d)-(f) (No change.)

13:69D-1.37B Testing of electronic gaming devices on the casino floor

(a) For purposes of this section:

1. "Test currency" means currency, coin or tokens, coupons, or gaming vouchers issued by a casino licensee to a slot department or Internal Audit department employee to test gaming equipment;

2. "Electronic test credits" means efunds deposited to a test account established by the IT department solely for testing electronic gaming devices; and

3. "Employee test card" means a card issued to a designated employee through an approved slot monitoring system that electronically tracks the identity and activity of the designated employee at each electronic gaming device while the card is in use.

(b) Prior to using test currency or electronic credits, a licensee shall establish internal controls designed to ensure the safeguarding of assets. Such internal controls shall, at a minimum:

1. Prescribe procedures for the issuance of test currency from the casino cage including the use of a two-part Test Currency form to document the issuance and return of test currency. The original Test Currency form shall be retained by the cage cashier and the duplicate distributed to the receiving slot department or internal audit employee;

2. Require that no more than one test account be activated for an employee at any time;

3. Require the use of an employee test card for testing a gaming device which shall be inserted into the device prior to inserting test currency or using electronic credits and shall not be removed until completion of testing and, if applicable, credits remaining on the credit meter have been cashed out or transferred to the test account;

4. Prescribe procedures for the disposition of slot machine lock ups;

5. Prescribe procedures for the return of test currency and the Test Currency form to the casino cage prior to the end of the slot department or internal audit employee's shift; and

6. Prescribe procedures for auditing testing activity by casino accounting to ensure the accountability of test currency and that there is no negative impact on gross revenue.

(c) Gaming vouchers created by an electronic gaming device during testing may be used to test other electronic gaming devices. Gaming vouchers created, but not used for testing other electronic gaming devices, shall be returned to the cage and voided or redeemed by a cage supervisor pursuant to internal controls.

13:69D-1.38 Gaming tables; slot machines and bill changers; movement; removal from a casino floor

(a) All gaming table, electronic table game, and slot machine movements shall comply with the requirements of this section and N.J.A.C. 13:69C-7.7.

(b) Prior to moving or removing a gaming table, including an electronic table game that accepts chips:

1. The table inventory shall be credited from the table;

2. The table drop box or slot cash storage box shall be removed during a scheduled drop box pick-up and a replacement box not placed on the table; and

3. If applicable, all meters shall be read and recorded in conformity with the rules of the Division.

(c) Prior to moving or removing a slot machine or electronic table game that accepts gaming vouchers:

1. The machine's slot drop container(s) and hopper contents shall be removed during scheduled slot drop container pick-ups. Any hopper contents shall be placed in the corresponding slot drop box or slot drop bucket, as applicable;

2. All meters shall be read and recorded in conformity with the rules of the Division;

3. Any coins or slot tokens in any of the slot machine's corresponding hopper storage area shall be removed, transported, and counted;

4. Any credits remaining on the slot machine shall be cancelled; and

5. The machine entry authorization log shall be:

i. Retained with the slot machine if the slot machine is being relocated on the casino floor;

ii. Retained with the slot machine if the slot machine is being temporarily removed from the casino floor; or

iii. Forwarded to either casino accounting department or the slot department if the slot machine is being removed from the casino floor, in accordance with the licensee's internal controls.

13:69D-1.39 Progressive slot machine jackpots

(a) [This section shall apply to any] A slot machine [that offers one or more] **may offer one or more** progressive jackpots that increase in value as the machine is played based upon a set rate of progression, and is awarded [when a player achieves] for a specific game outcome.

(b) [A progressive jackpot shall be controlled by an external progressive controller or reside] **When a progressive controller does not reside** within the main program of a slot machine, the controller[.].

(c) An external progressive controller] shall **either be sealed by the Division or stored** [in a location approved by the Division] in a compartment or cabinet which has two separate [locking mechanisms] **locks**. [One locking mechanism] **The key to one lock** shall be maintained and controlled by the security department, and the [second locking mechanism] **key to the second lock** shall be maintained and controlled by the slot department. [Whenever the progressive controller has been accessed written notification shall be provided to the Division.] **Compartments or cabinets shall contain a progressive entry authorization log in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.36(j).**

(c) Whenever the progressive controller has been accessed, written notification shall be provided to the Division.

(d) Except as permitted by [(j)] (m) below, [each slot machine that is connected to a common progressive meter (“common display unit”) for the purpose of offering the same progressive jackpot on two or more slot machines (a “linked slot machine”)] **a linked progressive slot machine shall:**

1. Be of the same denomination and have the same probability of winning the progressive jackpot as every other linked slot machine connected to [such common] **the progressive display unit;**

2. Require the same invested amount to entitle the player to a chance at winning the progressive jackpot; [and]

3. Require each [investment] **wager to increment the [meter(s)] progressive display(s)** by the same rate of progression as every other linked slot machine connected to [such common display unit] **the progressive display(s)[.]; and**

4. Provide clear notice to the patron that the slot machine being played is incrementing the value(s) listed on the display(s).

(e) [Every casino utilizing a linked slot machine shall submit to the Division for prior approval the location and manner of installing the common display unit.] **If a progressive slot machine does not contain an individual progressive display, it shall be connected to an external progressive display. An external progressive display shall be in a clear line of sight to each patron playing a slot machine incrementing the display.**

(f) [No slot machine that includes a slot machine game offering a progressive jackpot shall be placed on the casino floor until the] **Prior to establishing or modifying a progressive jackpot, the casino licensee or, as applicable, the slot system operator [has submitted] shall submit to the Division’s Technical Services Bureau notification (Division form known as “Appendix E”), which shall include** the following:

[1. The initial and reset amounts at which the progressive meter(s) are to be set;

2. The proposed system for controlling the keys and access codes to the machine;

3. The progressive configurations that do not conflict with Division rules regarding theoretical RTP;

4. The rate of progression for each progressive jackpot, which shall not be changed except upon notice to the casino accounting department; and

5. The calculated probability of winning each progressive jackpot, which probability shall not exceed 100 million to one.]

1. A description of the progressives offered and the specific reason for the notification;

2. The initial and reset amounts for each progressive jackpot;

3. The rate of progression for each progressive jackpot;

4. The location and asset number of each slot machine;

5. Each slot machine game program used;

6. The progressive reserve rate if applicable;

7. The jackpot limit, if applicable;

8. Theoretical RTP;

9. The calculated probability of winning each progressive jackpot;

10. The reset dollar threshold at which the progressive jackpot is expected to exceed \$5,000 prior to being won;

11. A statement as to whether the slot machine requires the progressive feature to achieve at least 83 percent RTP; and

12. Identifying information of the progressive controller, which shall include the following, if applicable:

i. The location;

ii. The manufacturer;

iii. The model; and

iv. The software version.

(g) No progressive [meter(s)] **display** shall be turned back to a lesser amount unless:

1.-2. (No change.)

3. The change is necessitated by a slot machine or meter[(s)] malfunction, in which case:

i. [For progressive jackpots governed by (b) above, an] **An** explanation shall be entered on the Progressive Slot Summary required in [(k)] (o) below [and the Division shall be informed]; [and]

ii. [For progressive jackpots governed by (o) below, an explanation shall be entered on the Machine Entry Authorization Log unless the slot machine automatically addresses the malfunction] **The change shall be authorized by casino accounting; and**

iii. Prior notification shall be provided to the Division’s Technical Services Bureau;

4.-5. (No change.)

(h) [Once an amount appears on a progressive meter(s), the] **The** probability of winning [the] a progressive jackpot [may] **shall** not be decreased unless the progressive jackpot has been won by a patron or the progressive jackpot is [removed or] transferred [as permitted by the rules of the Division].

[1. A casino licensee may, upon approval by the Division, transfer primary and secondary progressive jackpots to any other progressive game or games upon expiration of a minimum 10-day conspicuous posted notice.

2. A casino licensee may, upon Division approval, transfer the casino portion(s) of linked slot machine progressive jackpots which are secondary to progressive jackpots maintained by slot system operators, provided that a 10-day conspicuous notice is posted.

3. Progressive meter transfers described in (h)1 and 2 above may be placed on any level of jackpot on the new progressive games selected.

(i) A casino licensee or slot system operator may limit or terminate a progressive jackpot in accordance with the following procedures:

1. Prior to the time that a particular amount is registered on the progressive meter, a payout limit for the progressive jackpot that is equal to or greater than that particular amount may be established by providing notice of the payout as permitted by this section;

2. After a progressive jackpot is won, the progressive jackpot may be terminated if:

i. Notice to terminate was provided prior to the winning of the jackpot; and

ii. Any slot machine that offered the progressive jackpot is shut down or rendered unplayable as soon as possible after the jackpot is won; provided, however, that if such slot machine is not shut down or rendered unplayable within 24 hours after the progressive jackpot is won, the notice required shall be considered void and the progressive jackpot on that slot machine shall continue to be offered until won and terminated or transferred in accordance with this section; and

3. A casino licensee may permanently remove one or more linked slot machines from the casino floor provided that at least one linked slot machine offering the same progressive jackpot remains pursuant to a multi-casino progressive slot system agreement.]

(i) A casino licensee or slot system operator may, upon approval of the Division, transfer all or part of a progressive jackpot to any other progressive display upon the expiration of a minimum 10-day public notice, provided, however, the transferred amount shall at a minimum include all patron contributions.

(j) A casino licensee may, upon approval of the Division, discontinue offering the progressive jackpot after having been won if:

1. Public notice was provided prior to the winning of the progressive jackpot; and

2. The slot machines that offered the progressive jackpot are shut down or rendered unplayable.

(k) A casino licensee may establish a progressive payout limit, upon approval of the Division, prior to the time that the limit is registered on the progressive display.

(l) A casino licensee or a slot system operator may, with 24-hour advance notice to the Division, reduce the number of slot machines in a progressive link provided that:

1. At least one slot machine offering the same progressive jackpot remains; and

2. The reduction is authorized pursuant to a multi-casino progressive slot system agreement, if applicable.

(j) (m) [Two or more linked] **Linked progressive** slot machines [offering the same progressive jackpot] may be of different denominations and/or have different minimum wagers required to win the progressive jackpot, provided that:

1.-2. (No change.)

(k) (n) **The slot department shall notify casino accounting of each slot machine which has one or more progressive jackpots expected to exceed \$5,000 prior to being won. At least once every seven calendar days, a casino accounting department or slot department member shall record on a Progressive Slot Summary, the amount indicated on any progressive display expected to exceed \$5,000.** [For a progressive jackpot controlled by an external progressive controller which has a reset amount of \$1,200 or greater, the amount indicated on the primary progressive meter on each slot machine shall be recorded on a Progressive Slot Summary, at a minimum, at least once every seven calendar days and each] **The Progressive Slot Summary shall be signed by the preparer.** [If not prepared by the casino accounting department, the Progressive Slot Summary shall be forwarded to the casino accounting department by the end of the gaming day on which it is prepared.] A representative of the casino accounting department shall, **within one gaming day**, [be responsible for calculating] **calculate** the [correct] amount that should appear on the primary progressive [meter] **display** and notify[ing] the Division of [the] **any necessary adjustment. The calculated amount shall be compared to the amount on the Progressive Slot Summary. If the amounts do not agree, a casino accounting member shall calculate the progressive display value for all progressive jackpot levels recorded on the Progressive Slot Summary for that stand alone slot machine or progressive link, as applicable.**

(o) If an adjustment to [the primary] a progressive meter is necessary, a casino accounting representative shall notify the slot department of the value of the adjustment [shall] be made **within 24 hours.** [by a member of the slot department as follows:

1. Supporting documentation] **Documentation supporting the adjustment** shall be maintained [to explain any addition or reduction in the registered amount on the primary progressive meter,] **by casino accounting**, which [documentation] shall include, at a minimum:

Recodify existing i.-iii. as **1.-3.** (No change in text.)

[iv.] **4.** The signature of the slot department member making the adjustment[; and].

[2. The adjustment shall be effectuated within 24 hours of the meter reading.

(l) No adjustments to a progressive display shall be made without the approval of the accounting department.]

(m) (p) **A stand alone progressive** slot machine [offering a progressive jackpot that is] **or one or more slot machines on a progressive link may be temporarily disabled or removed** from the casino floor [shall be returned to or replaced on the casino floor within 10 gaming days] **with prior notification to the Division's Technical Services Bureau. Unless otherwise approved by the Division, the slot machines shall be restored within 10 gaming days. [The] When restored, the amount which appears** on the progressive [meter(s) on the returned or replacement machine] **display** shall not be less than the amount **that appeared** on the progressive [meter(s)] **display(s)** at the time [of removal] **they were disabled or removed.** [If the slot machine is not returned or replaced within 10 days of the slot machine's removal, the progressive meter(s) amount at the time of removal shall be added to another progressive slot machine.]

[(n) Slot machines that offer progressive jackpots may have payout only hoppers from which prize tokens may be paid as jackpots, provided that prize tokens shall not be available as a payout on a winning progressive jackpot.]

(o) (q) A casino licensee may terminate a **stand alone** progressive jackpot or [in-house linked progressive jackpot (l)local area progressive(s)] **jackpot prior to being won or transferred** by providing a minimum of 30 days **advance public** notice [to patrons]. The notice shall conspicuously state that the **progressive** jackpot will terminate on a specified date if not won by that time. Any [game featuring a] progressive jackpot **game theme and denomination** [or any linked game system] **that is terminated prior to being won or transferred** [pursuant to this subsection must] **shall** be permanently removed from the casino. [Notice of termination is to be provided to the Division's Technical Services Bureau at the time that notice of termination is provided to the public.

1. Upon termination by any casino of any game featuring a progressive jackpot, the game or games may, upon Division approval, be made non-progressive with static jackpot(s) if existing game programs permit such options.

2. A casino licensee may terminate the casino licensee's portion of secondary jackpot(s) of progressive jackpot systems interlinked in more than one casino by providing a 30-day notice to patrons. The secondary jackpot(s) may not be re-established but jackpots may be made static.

(p) A slot machine may offer a progressive jackpot which increases in value based upon either handle contributions that are adjusted and displayed by the approved program that controls the slot machine or events that are dictated by the approved program. The slot machine shall conform with the following requirements:

1. The slot machine shall include a meter or display, visible from the front of the slot machine, that advises the player of the amount which can be won if the progressive jackpot display appears; and

2. The approved program for the slot machine shall limit the progressive jackpot to an amount which is less than \$1,200 unless the program is also capable of configuring, storing and recalling the parameters relating to the progressive jackpot including, but not limited to, the current amount of the progressive jackpot, the progressive reset amount, the maximum progressive amount and the increment amount.]

(r) **A WAP controlled by a system operator may be terminated only after having been won or after the progressive jackpot is transferred to another WAP.**

(s) **Secondary jackpots that reside on a slot machine connected to a WAP, but independent of the jackpot offered through the WAP, may be made static or terminated in accordance with this section.**

(t) **All public notices required by this section shall be conspicuously placed on the progressive slot machine or progressive display and notification shall be made to the Division's Technical Services Bureau at the time that the notice is provided to the public.**

13:69D-1.39A **Linked slot machines interconnected in more than one casino; slot system operator; computer monitoring room**

(a) Two or more casino licensees may, with the prior approval of the Division, operate [linked slot machines that are interconnected in the participating casinos (a "multi-casino progressive slot system" or "slot system")] **a wide area progressive (WAP).**

(b) Each [multi-casino progressive slot system] **WAP** shall be operated and administered:

1. By the participating casino licensees in accordance with the terms of a written **slot system** agreement that has been executed by each participating casino licensee and approved by the Division [{"slot system agreement"}]; or

2. In whole or in part, by a casino service industry enterprise applicant or licensee on behalf of the participating casino licensees provided that [the] **a written** slot system agreement is executed by the casino service industry enterprise.

(c) The person or persons designated in a slot system agreement responsible for the operation and administration of a [slot system] **WAP** shall be referred to as a slot system operator.

1. More than one slot system operator may be involved in the operation and administration of a [slot system] **WAP.** A slot system operator may be involved in the operation and administration of more than one [slot system] **WAP.**

i. If more than one slot system operator is involved in the operation and administration of a particular [slot system] WAP, there may be more than one slot system agreement with regard to that WAP [slot system]; and

ii. Each participating casino licensee shall be a party to all slot system agreements for a particular [slot system] WAP.

2. An agreement between a slot system manufacturer and a casino licensee pursuant to which the slot system manufacturer agrees to sell, lease, or service, but not operate or administer, [slot system] WAP components shall not be considered a slot system agreement. A separate agreement may be entered between the slot system manufacturer and each casino licensee participating in the [slot system] WAP.

(d) Each slot system agreement shall specifically identify and describe the role, authority, and responsibilities of each participating casino licensee and each slot system operator in the conduct of the [slot system] WAP. The agreement shall include:

1. (No change.)

2. If applicable, the casino licensee or slot system operator responsible for establishing and serving as trustee of [the] a trust [required by the rules of the Division for each slot system game] for a WAP offering an annuity jackpot;

3. The casino licensee or slot system operator initially responsible for the funding and payment of all jackpots, fees, and taxes associated with the operation of the [slot system] WAP; and

4. (No change.)

(e) (No change.)

(f) Each casino licensee or slot system operator seeking approval to participate in a [multi-casino progressive slot system] WAP shall submit to the Division a system of accounting and internal controls specifying the manner in which the participating casino licensees and slot system operators will satisfy the requirements of the Act and the Division's regulations concerning the operation of slot machines and [multi-casino progressive slot systems] WAPs. [Any casino service industry enterprise seeking approval to participate in a slot system as a slot system operator shall:

1. Submit to the Division:

i. A] **The internal controls shall include a list of each employee of the casino service industry enterprise serving in a slot system operator position title,]**, which list shall include the following information for each current employee:

(1) The last name, first name and middle initial;

(2) The date of birth;

(3) The position title; and

(4) The license or registration number, as applicable; and

ii. If the casino service industry enterprise is responsible for operating and administering the computer monitoring room required by (h) below, a separate agreement with a casino licensee pursuant to which the casino licensee accepts responsibility for surveillance of the computer monitor room unless:

(1) All terms concerning responsibility for surveillance of the computer monitoring room are established in the slot system agreement; or

(2) The casino service industry enterprise elects to comply with the optional surveillance requirements set forth in (h)2ii below; and

2. Identify the manner in which it will comply with all relevant requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.8 and 1.45 as if it were a casino licensee.

(g) A casino licensee may, with the prior approval of the Division, designate one or more casino key employees to represent the interests of the casino licensee in the operation and control of a multi-casino progressive slot system. Any designated representative shall only be permitted to exercise the duties and responsibilities he or she is authorized to perform for the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.11; provided, however, a designated representative may also communicate information and directions concerning the operation and control of the system to or from other employees of the casino licensee who are authorized to exercise responsibility for such matters.]

[(h)] (g) Each [multi-casino progressive slot system] WAP shall be controlled and operated from a computer monitoring room approved by

the Division. The computer monitoring room for a [multi-casino progressive slot system] WAP shall:

1. (No change.)

2. Have continuous clandestine CCTV coverage of the operation of the slot system and its equipment by:

i. (No change.)

ii. A video surveillance system maintained in a secure [portion] area of the computer monitoring room that is accessible only in accordance with internal controls submitted to the Division and which, at a minimum:

(1)-(3) (No change.)

3. (No change.)

4. Be accessible only through a locked door, which door shall be equipped with an alarm device that signals either the CCTV monitoring room of the surveillance casino, if the computer monitoring room is operated pursuant to (h)2i above, or the employees of the slot system operator, if operated pursuant to [(h)2ii above] **this section**, whenever the door to the computer monitoring room is open;

5.-7. (No change.)

8. Be housed in a facility approved by the Division that is owned or leased by a slot system operator; [and]

9. Be designed in a manner that assures that the multi-casino progressive slot system shall not be disrupted[.]; and

10. Comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69D-2.

(h) A system operator may, with Division approval, establish a secondary remote computer monitoring room that is located outside of Atlantic County, used to duplicate all or some of the processes controlled by the computer room located in Atlantic County, and for disaster recovery, data collection, and system integrity. It may also be used to identify potential system malfunctions provided that only the employees of the computer room located in Atlantic County are authorized to respond to service calls and issues pertaining to Atlantic City casinos. The secondary location shall be supervised by an employee licensed or registered by the Division and the location shall be accessible to employees of the Division.

13:69D-1.40 Payouts from electronic gaming devices

(a) Whenever a lock up of less than \$75,000 occurs on an electronic gaming device, with a payout other than merchandise, annuity, multi-casino, or multi-state payout, a casino licensee shall process one of the following Requests for Payout ("Request") for the winning patron:

1. Hand Pay;

2. Transfer to Credit Meter;

3. Pouch Payout;

4. Credit Owed Slip; or

5. Payout Receipt.

(b) The Request shall include the following:

1. The date and time;

2. The asset number and location of the electronic gaming device;

3. The amount of the payout;

4. The winning combination or notation of a credit meter payment;

5. The type of payout (for example, jackpot, progressive jackpot, cancelled credits); and

6. The signature or identification code of the preparer.

(c) Payout Slips shall be sequentially numbered, each series of which shall be accounted for by casino accounting department employees with no incompatible functions. All original and duplicate void Payout Slips shall be marked "VOID" and shall require the signature of the preparer.

1. Manually prepared Payout Slips shall be a three-part form attached in a manner that permits each form to be written on simultaneously and allows for the removal of the original and the duplicate, and maintains the triplicate in a secure manner.

2. Computer generated Payout Slips shall consist of an original and duplicate, and all information thereon, other than the serial number of any casino check used as payment, shall be maintained in stored data as the triplicate. The stored data shall not be susceptible to change or removal after preparation of a Payout Slip.

(d) A Payout Slip shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The asset number and location of the electronic gaming device;
2. The winning combination or notation that it was a credit meter payout;
3. The date and time of preparation;
4. The amount;
5. The method of payment (for example, cash, slot tokens, casino check, gaming voucher, or gaming chips);
6. A notation of a cash payout in lieu of or in combination with a merchandise jackpot, if applicable;
7. A notation of an override, if applicable;
8. The cashiering location;
9. The serial number of any casino check issued; and
10. The signatures or, if computer prepared, identification codes as required by this section.

(e) If a lock up is processed by a Hand Pay, a slot attendant or above shall prepare a Request electronically at the slot machine or manually. If a payout amount is not viewable within the slot monitoring system prior to the generation of the Payout Slip ("blind entry"), a lock up verifier shall not be required. If the payout amount is viewable, a lock up verifier shall be required for a payout exceeding \$2,500. If the amount of the lock up being processed does not agree to the lock up electronic signal amount in the slot monitoring system, a slot supervisor or above with no incompatible function shall determine the amount to be paid to the patron from the display of the electronic gaming device. The slot supervisor shall authorize the transaction as an override, provided, however, the supervisor shall not be required for a variance of less than \$25.00 for a progressive jackpot.

1. If a Payout Slip is generated by a cashier, the cashier shall:
 - i. Sign the original, duplicate, and, if applicable, triplicate;
 - ii. Obtain the signature of the slot attendant or above on the original and duplicate;
 - iii. Obtain the signature of a lock up verifier, if applicable, on the original and duplicate;
 - iv. Obtain the signature of a slot attendant supervisor, if applicable, on the original and duplicate;
 - v. Retain the original as an imprest item; and
 - vi. Distribute the duplicate and the funds to a slot attendant or above who shall deposit the duplicate in a locked accounting box after payment of the funds to the patron.
2. If a Payout Slip is generated by a slot attendant or above at an automated payout machine, the slot attendant or above shall:
 - i. Sign the original and duplicate;
 - ii. Obtain the signature of a lock up verifier, if applicable, on the original and duplicate;
 - iii. Obtain the signature of a slot attendant supervisor, if applicable, on the original and duplicate;
 - iv. Obtain the funds from the automated payout machine;
 - v. Deposit the original in a locked box attached or adjacent to the automated payout machine; and
 - vi. Provide the funds to the patron and deposit the duplicate in a locked accounting box.

(f) A jackpot lock up may be processed as a Transfer to Credit Meter by a slot attendant or above or by other means approved by the Division, by transferring the credits to the credit meter of the slot machine, provided that:

1. The amount is less than \$10,000;
2. The slot monitoring system is operable; and
3. The Request is electronically submitted at the slot machine and agrees to the lock up electronic signal amount.

(g) A lock up may be processed by a slot attendant from funds secured in a pouch imprest with an amount not to exceed \$5,000. A slot attendant or above shall prepare and sign a sequentially numbered two-part Pouch Payout. If the payout amount exceeds \$100.00, a lock up verifier shall verify the amount to be paid and sign the Pouch Payout.

(h) At the end of a slot attendant's shift or when replenishing a pouch, the slot attendant shall present all Pouch Payouts to a general

or slot booth cashier who shall process a Payout Slip. If the amount does not agree to the lock up electronic signal amount in the slot monitoring system, a cage supervisor shall authorize the transaction as an override. The cashier shall:

1. Sign the original, duplicate and, if applicable, triplicate of the Payout Slip;
2. Obtain the signature of the slot attendant on the original and duplicate of the Payout Slip;
3. Obtain the signature of the cage supervisor, if applicable, on the original and duplicate of the Payout Slip;
4. Attach the original Payout Slip to the original Pouch Payout to be maintained as an imprest item; and
5. Present the duplicate Payout Slip to the slot attendant for deposit with the duplicate Pouch Payout Slip into a locked accounting box.

(i) A slot attendant may reset an electronic gaming device prior to payment utilizing a Credit Owed Slip if the gaming voucher system is inoperable and the amount does not exceed \$500.00. The Credit Owed Slip shall be a sequentially numbered two-part form prepared and signed by a slot attendant or above who shall provide the original to the patron for exchange with a general or slot booth cashier. The slot attendant shall deposit the duplicate in a locked accounting box.

(j) When a patron presents an original Credit Owed Slip to a general cashier, the cashier shall pay the patron, sign the Credit Owed Slip, and maintain the Credit Owed Slip as an imprest item.

(k) A slot attendant may reset an electronic gaming device prior to payment by preparing a Payout Receipt if:

1. No patron is present to claim the lock up amount;
2. The patron does not have valid identification; or
3. Requested by the patron.

(l) A Payout Receipt shall be a sequentially numbered three-part form. If the amount exceeds \$100.00, a lockup verifier shall confirm the transaction. The slot attendant shall transport the original to a general cashier and present the duplicate to the patron. If a patron is not present, the slot attendant shall deliver the original and duplicate of the Payout Receipt to the cage to be maintained by the main bank. The slot attendant shall deposit the triplicate in a locked accounting box. The Payout Receipt shall contain, at a minimum:

1. The signature of the patron on the original only, or a notation that a patron was not present;
2. The address of the patron if available;
3. The reason for issuing the receipt (for example, game back in play or unclaimed);
4. The signature of the lock up verifier, if applicable; and
5. The signature of the slot attendant.

(m) When a patron presents a duplicate Receipt to a general cashier, the cashier shall retrieve the original Receipt and obtain the patron's signature on the duplicate Receipt, which shall be compared for agreement to the signature on the original. The cashier shall process a Payout Slip. If the amount does not agree to the lock up electronic signal amount in the slot monitoring system, a cage supervisor shall authorize the transaction as an override. A cashier shall:

1. Sign the original, duplicate, and, if applicable, triplicate of the Payout;
2. Present the funds to the patron;
3. Maintain the original Payout Slip and Receipt as an imprest item; and
4. Deposit the duplicate Payout and Receipt into a locked accounting box.

(n) On a daily basis, a casino accounting department employee with no incompatible functions shall:

1. Reconcile all original Payout Slips and, as applicable, original Requests to duplicates and triplicates or stored data;
2. Enter all manual Payout Slips into the system;
3. Ensure that any unprocessed lock ups or Payout Slips in the system have been voided; and
4. Review a system report of jackpots transferred to the credit meter.

(o) Unless authorized by the Division, no deduction from gross revenue will be allowed for a payout unless the casino accounting department verifies that the appropriate meters support the amount of the payout.

(p) A casino licensee shall notify the Division prior to the payment of any jackpot greater than \$75,000. Payment shall be withheld for three business days unless otherwise directed by the Division.

1. No reset shall be allowed until the casino licensee prepares a Payout Receipt pursuant to the requirements of (l) above and determines:

- i. That the slot monitoring system recorded the lock up;
- ii. There is no evidence of tampering; and
- iii. The Division seals are intact.

2. The Division shall determine if any portion of the winnings is subject to withholding for a jackpot winner who is:

- i. In arrears of a child support order; or
- ii. A former recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children or Work First New Jersey, food stamp benefits, or low-income home energy assistance benefits with an overpayment that has not been repaid.

3. If any amount is subject to withholding pursuant to (p)2 above, the Division shall notify the casino licensee to withhold payment until the Probation Division of the Superior Court or the Department of Human Services authorizes payment.

(q) Failure of the Division to object to the payment of a jackpot shall not constitute waiver or estoppel of any charge, issue, or claim raised in any criminal or regulatory complaint subsequently filed against any person in connection with the winning or payment of that jackpot.

13:69D-1.40A Jackpot payouts of merchandise or other things of value; cash jackpot payouts offered together with or as an alternative to jackpot payouts of merchandise or other things of value

(a) A casino licensee may[, in its discretion,] offer a slot machine jackpot that includes [both] **merchandise or a thing of value, or a combination of cash and merchandise or a thing of value (“merchandise jackpot”)** if approved by the Division. [payout and a payout of merchandise or other thing of value (a “combination jackpot”) or the option to choose between a cash payout and a payout of merchandise or other thing of value, including an annuity jackpot with a cash payout option (“alternative jackpot”). If a slot machine jackpot offers a winning patron a combination jackpot, or an alternative jackpot, any portion of the jackpot paid out:

1. In cash shall be made in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40;
2. In merchandise or other thing of value shall be made in accordance with this section; or
3. As an annuity jackpot with a cash payout option shall be made in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40B.]

(b) [Whenever a casino licensee offers any merchandise or thing of value as part of a slot machine payout, such merchandise] **Any merchandise** or thing of value **awarded to a patron** shall not be included in the total of all sums paid out as winnings to patrons for purposes of determining gross revenue [or be included in determining the payout percentage of any slot machine]. [Any merchandise or thing of value provided directly or indirectly to the patron on behalf of a casino licensee by a third party who is affiliated with the casino licensee shall be recorded by the casino licensee in accordance with the provisions of this section as if the affiliated party were the licensee. The cash equivalent value of such merchandise or thing of value shall be:

1. An amount based upon full retail price normally charged for such item;
2. An amount based upon the actual cost to the casino licensee of providing such item directly to the patron; or
3. The actual cost to the casino licensee of having the third party provide such item directly or indirectly to the patron on behalf of a casino licensee.] **If an electronic gaming device includes an offer of merchandise or a thing of value in lieu of cash for a specific winning combination or outcome, the licensee’s actual cost of the merchandise**

or thing of value shall be used in determining the minimum 83 percent payout percentage.

[(c) Any cash or the present value thereof, paid out as part of a combination or alternative jackpot, including an annuity jackpot with a cash payout, shall be included when won and paid to a patron in the total of all sums paid out as winnings for purposes of determining gross revenue. Any cash offered as part of a combination or alternative jackpot shall be included in determining the minimum 83 percent payout of any slot machine.]

[(d)] The casino licensee shall retain supporting documentation relating to the acquisition and valuation of any merchandise or thing of value [to be] offered as a payout [and shall accumulate the total cash equivalent value and number of such payouts]. [The supporting documentation shall include a detailed description of the merchandise or thing of value and shall specifically identify which slot machines offer which merchandise or things of value as payouts. If the payout is in the form of an annuity jackpot, the documentation shall include all annuity contracts or treasury instruments purchased.

(e) If the jackpot gives the patron the option to choose between a cash payout and a payout of merchandise or other thing of value, the casino licensee shall record the type of jackpot selected by the patron and the signature of the patron attesting to his or her selection; provided, however, that for annuity jackpots with a cash payout option, “annuity/cash option” shall be recorded and the additional procedures set forth in the rules of the Division shall be followed.]

(c) **Whenever a patron wins a merchandise jackpot, a slot attendant or above shall prepare a Merchandise Request in the presence of a lock up verifier, which shall include, at a minimum:**

1. **The date and time;**
2. **The asset number and location of the electronic gaming device;**
3. **A description of the merchandise or thing of value to be awarded;**
4. **A notation whether any part of the payout included cash in combination with merchandise or a thing of value, if applicable;**
5. **The winning combination;**
6. **The signature of the preparer; and**
7. **The signature of the lock up verifier.**

[(f)] (d) [Whenever a patron wins a jackpot which includes merchandise or thing of value, the payment of the merchandise jackpot to the patron shall be made using] **A slot attendant or above shall present the Merchandise Request to a cage cashier who shall prepare a sequentially numbered two-part Merchandise Payout [slip] Slip**, which shall include the following:

1. The asset number **and location** of the [slot machine on which the jackpot was registered] **electronic gaming device;**
2. (No change.)
3. The date[, shift] and time [when the jackpot occurred] **of preparation;**
4. A description of the merchandise or thing of value won [and, unless the jackpot is an annuity jackpot, its cash equivalent value];
- [5. The time of the slip’s preparation; and]
- [6.] **5. The signature [or, if computer prepared, identification code] of the preparer[.]; and**
- 6. The signature of the slot attendant or above.**

[(g) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information contained on the slip shall be, at a minimum, of the following personnel at the following times:

1. The original and duplicate:
 - i. An accounting representative with no incompatible functions upon preparation; and
 - ii. A slot supervisor after observing the jackpot display on the slot machine; and
2. The duplicate shall also be signed by a security department member after observing the jackpot display on the slot machine.]

[(h)] (e) [Upon meeting the signature requirements as described in (g) above, the security department] **The cashier** shall [place] **distribute** the duplicate copy of the slip **to the slot attendant or above for deposit in [the] a locked accounting box** and [the accounting department shall] maintain and control the original [slip] **with the Merchandise Request.**

[(i)] At the end of each gaming day, the **Merchandise Request and original [slip] and duplicate [of the slip] Merchandise Payout Slips** shall be forwarded to the accounting department for agreement.

[(j)] **(f)** [Any merchandise or thing of value to which a patron is entitled as a result of a slot machine payout shall be given to the patron. Documentation] **A casino licensee shall maintain documentation supporting the receipt by the patron of [such] the merchandise or thing of value [shall be prepared by a representative of the casino licensee].**

[(k)] **(g)** [Except as otherwise provided in the rules of the Division with regard to progressive annuity jackpots, a] **A casino licensee may[, at any time, establish a time limit of not less than 30 days for the offering of a jackpot of merchandise or other thing of value by providing notice of the time limit] terminate a merchandise jackpot by providing a minimum of 30 days notice to patrons. The notice shall conspicuously state that the merchandise jackpot will terminate on a specified date if not won by that time. Notice of termination shall be provided to the Division's Technical Services Bureau at the time the notice of termination is provided to the public.**

[1. If an alternative jackpot is offered, the cash payout may but need not be equal to the cash equivalent value of the alternative payout of merchandise or other thing of value; provided, however, that the value of an annuity jackpot with a cash payout option shall be governed by the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.40B.

2. If a progressive jackpot is offered as part of a combination jackpot, all elements of the combination jackpot shall continue to be offered until the jackpot is won by a patron or transferred to another progressive slot machine or slot machine system.

3. If a progressive jackpot is offered as part of an alternative jackpot, all elements of the alternative jackpot shall continue to be offered until the amount of the progressive jackpot is equal to or greater than the cash equivalent value of the merchandise or other thing of value offered as an alternative jackpot, at which time the merchandise or other thing of value offered as an alternative jackpot may be discontinued in accordance with the rules of the Division.

4. Any advertising involving slot machine payouts of any merchandise or thing of value by the casino licensee shall include an accurate description of the merchandise or thing of value and, except for annuity jackpots, the cash equivalent value of the merchandise or thing of value. Any advertising concerning annuity jackpots shall also provide clear notice of the following:

i. That the jackpot will be paid over time and not in one lump sum, unless the annuity jackpot includes a cash payout option, in which event the option shall be described; and

ii. The number of payments and the time interval between payments.]

13:69D-1.40B Jackpot payouts in the form of an annuity

(a) A casino licensee may offer an annuity jackpot. Prior to offering an annuity jackpot, a casino licensee or slot system operator shall obtain Division approval. No annuity jackpot shall be permitted unless it expressly prohibits the winner from encumbering, assigning, or otherwise transferring in any way his or her right to receive the future cash payments, except as permitted by N.J.S.A. 5:12-100.1.

(b) Whenever an annuity jackpot is won, the casino licensee or slot system operator shall notify the Division prior to any payment. The Division shall determine if any portion of the winnings is subject to withholding for a jackpot winner who is:

1. In arrears of a child support order; or

2. A former recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children or Work First New Jersey, food stamp benefits, or low-income home energy assistance benefits with an overpayment that has not been repaid.

(c) If any amount is subject to withholding pursuant to (b) above, the Division shall notify the casino licensee to withhold payment until the Probation Division of the Superior Court or the Department of Human Services authorizes payment.

(d) A casino licensee or slot system which offers an annuity jackpot shall provide clear notice of the following:

1. That the displayed jackpot amount will be paid over time;

2. The number of payments and the time interval between payments; and

3. That the right to receive the jackpot payments may not be encumbered, assigned, or otherwise transferred in any way except as permitted by N.J.S.A. 5:12-100.1 and the rules of the Division.

(e) A casino licensee may offer an option to a patron who has won an annuity jackpot to be paid a single cash payment in lieu of future installments in an amount that is equal to the present value of the face amount of the jackpot ("cash payout option") provided that:

1. The present value shall be calculated by applying a discount rate to the amount of the jackpot taking into consideration the number of years that the annuity would otherwise be payable; and

2. The discount rate shall equal the prime rate as defined in Title 54 of the New Jersey Statutes or other rate as approved by the Division.

(f) When an annuity jackpot lock up occurs, a slot attendant or above shall prepare and present to a cage or slot booth cashier an Annuity Request, which includes:

1. The date and time;

2. The asset number and location;

3. The display amount;

4. The patron's name and identification information; and

5. The patron's Social Security number.

(g) When an annuity jackpot lock up occurs, the casino licensee or slot system operator shall generate a Jackpot Report in a manner approved by the Division. The Jackpot Report shall be provided to a cage or slot booth cashier of the casino licensee where the lock up occurred. The Jackpot Report shall include, at a minimum:

1. The date and time;

2. The asset number and location;

3. A game or link description;

4. The slot system operator, if applicable;

5. The name of casino licensee; and

6. The amount to be paid.

(h) Upon receipt of the Annuity Request and Jackpot Report, either a slot department supervisor or a cage or slot booth cashier shall prepare a Jackpot Acknowledgement which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The date;

2. The patron's name and address;

3. The patron's Social Security number;

4. The jackpot amount as recorded on the Jackpot Report;

5. The amount of the annual payments calculated as a factor of the number of years over which the annuity shall be paid;

6. If applicable, the offer of a cash payout option;

7. A disclosure that the casino licensee or the slot operator will provide information to the patron within three business days as to payment options;

8. A disclosure that the patron's name and identification information shall be provided to the Department of Human Services in order to determine if any portion of the winnings shall be subject to withholding if the annuity jackpot winner is:

i. In arrears of a child support order; or

ii. Is a former recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children or Work First New Jersey, food stamp benefits, or low-income home energy assistance benefits with an overpayment that has not been repaid;

9. The signature of a slot attendant or above; and

10. The signature of the patron.

(i) The Annuity Jackpot Acknowledgement form shall either be a multi-part form or copied for distribution, at a minimum, to the following:

1. Casino accounting;

2. The slot system operator, if applicable;

3. The Division; and

4. The patron.

(j) The casino licensee or slot system operator shall, within three business days, provide a Jackpot Acceptance form for patron completion and notify the patron either personally or by certified mail of the following:

1. The date of notice;

2. The date of the annuity jackpot;

3. The amount and number of years over which the annuity is payable;

4. The amount of the annual payments;

5. If applicable, the cash payout value and method of calculation;

6. A disclosure that a part or all of the payment shall be withheld if the Department of Human Services determines that the winner is subject to payout withholding;

7. A statement that the patron shall have 21 days to return the Jackpot Acceptance form selecting the annuity or, if applicable, the cash option; and

8. A disclosure that payment shall not be made for 30 days from the date of the jackpot unless otherwise authorized by the Division.

(k) Upon receipt of the Division's authorization and patron's Jackpot Acceptance form, a casino licensee or slot system operator shall, within five business days, issue a check or authorize an electronic payment to the patron in an amount equal to: the present value of the cash payout amount, less any required withholding; or the first installment of the annuity jackpot, less any required withholding. The casino licensee or slot system operator shall then establish and fund an account to pay the remainder of the annuity jackpot in a manner approved by the Division.

(l) On or before the fifth day of each month, a casino licensee or slot system operator shall submit to the Division a summary report of all annuity jackpots paid to one or more patrons during the prior month and, if applicable, supporting documentation related to the funding of one more accounts established to pay annuity remainder payments.

1. A casino licensee individually offering an annuity jackpot shall be entitled to a gross revenue deduction as follows:

i. The present value of the cash payout amount; or

ii. The first installment of the annuity jackpot and the amount used to fund the remainder payments.

2. A slot system operator shall calculate the total gross revenue deduction in the same manner as (l)1 above and prorate the deduction amount to each casino licensee participating in the annuity jackpot. The slot system operator shall distribute reports to the Division and each participating casino licensee delineating the respective gross revenue deduction amounts.

13:69D-1.40C Multi-casino slot system or multi-state slot system jackpot payouts

(a) Whenever a non-annuity WAP or MSPS payout ("instant pay") is won in a New Jersey casino, the casino licensee or slot system operator shall notify the Division prior to any payment. The Division shall determine if any portion of the winnings is subject to withholding for an instant pay winner who is:

1. In arrears of a child support order; or

2. A former recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children or Work First New Jersey, food stamp benefits, or low-income home energy assistance benefits with an overpayment that has not been repaid.

(b) If any amount is subject to withholding pursuant to (a) above, the Division shall notify the casino licensee to withhold payment until the Probation Division of the Superior Court or the Department of Human Services authorizes payment.

(c) A slot system operator shall receive Division approval of a slot system agreement detailing the terms of an instant pay prior to implementation.

(d) Whenever a lock up occurs on an electronic gaming device that offers an instant pay:

1. A slot attendant or above shall prepare and deliver to a cage or slot booth cashier a manual Instant Pay Request including the following:

i. The date and time;

ii. A game or link description;

iii. The asset number and location of the electronic gaming device;

iv. The amount of the payout;

v. The winning combination; and

vi. The signature of the preparer.

2. A slot system operator shall generate a Jackpot Report from an approved WAP or MSPS system in support of the payout amount. The Jackpot Report shall be provided to a cage or slot booth cashier of the casino licensee where the lock up occurred. The Jackpot Report shall include, at a minimum:

i. The date and time;

ii. The asset number and location;

iii. A game or link description;

iv. The slot system operator, if applicable;

v. The name of the casino licensee; and

vi. The amount to be paid.

(e) Upon receipt of the Instant Pay Request and Jackpot Report, either a slot department supervisor or a cage or slot booth cashier shall prepare an Instant Pay Acknowledgement which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The date;

2. The patron's name and address;

3. The patron's Social Security number;

4. The jackpot amount as recorded on the Jackpot Report;

5. A disclosure that the patron's name and identification information shall be provided to the Department of Human Services in order to determine if any portion of the winnings shall be subject to withholding if the jackpot winner is:

i. In arrears of a child support order; or

ii. Is a former recipient of Aid to Families with Dependent Children or Work First New Jersey, food stamp benefits, or low-income home energy assistance benefits with an overpayment that has not been repaid;

6. The signature of a slot attendant or above; and

7. The signature of the patron.

(f) The Instant Pay Acknowledgement form shall either be a multi-part form or copied for distribution, at a minimum, to the following:

1. Casino accounting;

2. The slot system operator, if applicable;

3. The Division; and

4. The patron.

(g) Upon receipt of the Division's authorization, a slot system operator shall, within five business days of receipt, issue a check or authorize an electronic payment to the patron in an amount equal to the jackpot less any required withholding.

(h) A slot system operator shall prorate the gross revenue deduction to each casino licensee participating in the WAP or the MSPS. The slot system operator shall distribute reports to the Division and each participating casino licensee delineating the respective gross revenue deduction amounts on or before the fifth day of each month.

13:69D-1.41A Procedures governing the removal of [coin, slot tokens and] slugs from a slot machine hopper

[(a) Except as provided in the rules of the Division and (b) through (d) below, no coin, slot tokens, or slugs shall be removed from a slot machine hopper.

(b) If a slot machine malfunctions during a payout and the slot machine cannot be repaired in a timely manner, coin and slot tokens may be removed from a slot machine's hopper in order to complete the slot machine paid jackpot. The coin or slot tokens shall be removed from the slot machine hopper by a slot attendant, slot mechanic or supervisor thereof. The removal of the coin or slot tokens shall be documented on the Machine Entry Authorization Log pursuant to the rules of the Division. Nothing in this section shall preclude a casino licensee from preparing a Jackpot Payout Slip for the amount of coin or slot token owed the patron provided and a notation is made on the Jackpot Payout Slip indicating the reason for the slip.

(c) If coin or slot tokens are inserted by a patron and are neither registered nor returned to the patron by the slot machine, a member of the slot department in accordance with (b) above, may remove the coin or slot tokens from the slot machine hopper and return them to the patron. The removal of the coin or slot tokens shall be documented on the Machine Entry Authorization Log. Under no circumstances shall a casino licensee remove more coin or slot tokens than the maximum number of

coin or slot tokens which can be wagered on one handle pull of the slot machine.]

[d)] (a) Whenever slugs are found in a slot machine's hopper, the following procedures and requirements shall be followed:

1. (No change.)

2. Upon completion of the Slug Report [required by (d)1 above], the count team member shall remove the envelope or container and transport it with the Slug Report to the master coin bank. The individual accepting receipt of the slugs shall sign the Slug Report. The original Slug Report shall be maintained in the master coin bank and the duplicate shall be delivered to the Division's in-house office by the end of each gaming day;

3.-4. (No change.)

13:69D-1.42 Removal of slot drop buckets, slot drop boxes, and slot cash storage boxes; unsecured currency; recording of meter readings for slot machine drop

(a) (No change.)

(b) All slot drop containers which are not actively in use shall be stored in [the count room or other] a secure area [outside the count room as] approved by the Division. In addition, slot drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes shall be stored in an enclosed storage cabinet or trolley, secured by a key maintained and controlled by the security department. Control of the key shall be limited to supervisors in that department and shall be documented, at a minimum, by a sign-out and sign-in procedure in accordance with the security submission approved by the Division.

(c) Slot drop containers shall be removed from a slot machine by at least three employees, two of whom shall be members of the casino security department and one of whom shall be a member of the accounting department ("the slot drop team"). An accounting department member shall be the drop team supervisor and shall be a key licensee. Other than casino security department members, all employees participating in the removal of slot drop containers shall wear as outer garments only a full-length, one-piece pocketless garment with openings only for the hands, feet, and neck. Each casino licensee shall also maintain and make available to the Division upon request, the names and credential numbers of the slot drop team.

(d)-(e) (No change.)

(f) To begin the scheduled slot drop container removal process, the drop team supervisor shall perform a physical count of the empty slot drop containers removed from storage. The count and the gaming date shall be documented on a [two-part] slot drop container verification form **to be kept with the trolley throughout the pick-up process.** The drop team supervisor shall compare the count of the empty slot containers to the collection schedule. Any discrepancy between the number of empty slot drop containers physically counted and the number indicated on the collection schedule shall be recorded on the slot drop container verification form and signed by the drop team supervisor. **Any discrepancy shall be investigated, explained, and reported to the Division by the drop team supervisor.**

(g) The casino security department member shall remove the trolley(s) containing the empty slot drop containers from the count room or other storage area and transport [them] **the trollies** to [a] **the scheduled** slot zones.

(h) (No change.)

(i) Procedures and requirements for removing slot drop containers from the slot machines shall be as follows:

1. (No change.)

2. The slot drop boxes or slot cash storage boxes removed from the slot machines shall be placed immediately in an enclosed trolley [which is secured by a locking system] **and secured by a security padlock; provided, however, that the padlock shall be in place but need not be locked when the trolley is moved between slot zones.** The locking system shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department.

(j)-(l) (No change.)

(m) A slot cash storage box removed from [a bill changer in order] **a slot machine in order** to service the bill changer may be temporarily and securely stored in the **slot machine's** locked base [of the corresponding slot machine (the compartment authorized to contain the slot drop bucket

or slot drop box) and shall be replaced and secured in the bill changer when the repairs] **until the bill changer repairs** are completed. At [no time shall] **all times, either a slot technician or security department member shall be present** at the [bill changer under repair be left unattended] **slot machine** while the slot cash storage box is secured in the base [of the slot machine]. If the repairs cannot be completed and the slot cash storage box cannot be replaced in the bill changer, or if the bill changer must be removed from the casino floor, the slot cash storage box shall be removed from the secure slot compartment and transported to the count room in accordance with (n) below.

(n) A [full or inoperable] slot drop box or slot cash storage box [that must be] replaced outside of the slot drop schedule shall be replaced with an empty emergency slot drop box or slot cash storage box by a security department member and a slot or cage [supervisor] **department member** as follows:

1. (No change.)

2. [The security department member shall complete a] **A three-part emergency box form shall be prepared for each slot drop box or slot cash storage box** documenting the replacement of the [slot drop box or slot cash storage] box. The form shall include at a minimum:

i.-iii. (No change.)

iv. The signatures of the security department member and slot or cage [supervisor] **department member** participating in the process;

3. (No change.)

4. The casino security department member and a slot or cage [supervisor] **department member** shall obtain the emergency box from the count room, **affix the original emergency box form to the emergency box, and transport the box with the duplicate and triplicate emergency box form to the appropriate slot machine location;**

[5. The emergency box form shall be distributed by the security department member as follows:

i. The original affixed to the emergency slot drop box or slot cash storage box;

ii. The duplicate placed in a locked accounting box; and

iii. The triplicate delivered within 24 hours of preparation to the Division's onsite office;]

[6.] **5.** A slot department member, in the presence of a casino security department member and the slot or cage [supervisor] **department member**, shall remove the [full or inoperable] slot drop box or slot cash storage box from the slot machine and replace it with the empty emergency slot drop box or slot cash storage box. **The slot department member shall deposit the duplicate emergency box form in a locked accounting box prior to returning the box to the count room;**

[7.] **6.** The slot drop box or slot cash storage box removed from the slot machine shall be transported by the casino security department member and slot or cage [supervisor] **department member** to the count room and secured in an emergency drop box cabinet or trolley **by either a count room supervisor if a count is in progress, or in the alternative, by the casino security department member or slot or cage department member;**

[8.] **7.** For each [full or inoperable] slot drop box **or slot cash storage box** exchanged, the casino security or slot department member [or slot or cage supervisor] shall **forward the triplicate copy of the emergency box form to the Division's on-site office within 24 hours. The employee securing the box in the trolley or cabinet shall** record on an emergency box log, to be maintained with the emergency drop box cabinet or trolley, the following:

i.-ii. (No change.)

iii. The **employee's** signature[s of the casino security department member and cage or slot supervisor participating in the emergency slot drop box or slot cash storage box process]; and

[9.] **8.** (No change in text.)

(o) Whenever currency, a gaming voucher, or a coupon is found inside a bill changer but outside of the slot cash storage box ("unsecured drop") during the collection of slot cash storage boxes, [a count team member and a member of the casino security department shall complete and sign a two-part form which includes the asset number in which the unsecured drop was found, the date the unsecured drop was found, and the total value of the unsecured drop. The] **the unsecured drop [and the original**

form] shall be secured and transported to the count room. [and] **The unsecured drop shall be** counted and recorded with the contents removed from the corresponding slot cash storage box **in accordance with internal controls.** [The duplicate of the form shall be placed in a locked accounting box. Upon completion of the count, the original form shall be placed in a locked accounting box located in the count room. The accounting department will retrieve the original form and reconcile it to the duplicate.]

(p) Whenever unsecured drop is found at times other than the collection of slot cash storage boxes, a slot department member shall notify surveillance [and complete and sign the form referenced in (o) above]. The unsecured drop [and the original] **shall be documented on a two-part form that** shall be transported by the slot department member[, escorted by a security department member,] to the cashiers' cage where a cashier shall sign the form. The unsecured drop and original shall be retained by the cashier, and the slot department member shall place the duplicate form in a locked accounting box. The accounting department shall reconcile the original form to the duplicate.

(q)-(u) (No change.)

13:69D-1.43A Slot accounting requirements; electronic table games which accept gaming vouchers or coupons redeemed by a gaming voucher system

(a)-(d) (No change.)

(e) A casino licensee shall increase the slot machine win [by the amount of the expired cashable gaming vouchers reported on the monthly expired gaming debt report pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-3.1] **at each month end** in a manner approved by the Division for[.]:

1. The amount of expired cashable gaming vouchers reported pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-3.1; and

2. The amount of voided slot issued gaming vouchers unless such vouchers were previously excluded from the daily voucher issuance expense amount as reported on the Slot Win Report.

(f)-(k) (No change.)

(l) On a daily basis, a casino accounting department member shall compare for agreement for each slot machine the [Jackpot] Payout slip[s] amounts to the [attendant paid jackpots meter or attendant paid cancelled credits meter reading] **corresponding meter readings as summarized on a system Payout Meter Comparison report.** All variances between the [Jackpot] Payout slip[s] amounts and the **corresponding** meter readings shall be **investigated by the casino accounting department and** reported to the slot department for appropriate action **and further investigation if deemed necessary.** A casino accounting department member shall adjust the revenue amount as appropriate and upon notification to the Division.

(m) (No change.)

13:69D-1.44 Keys for dual locks; casino licensee-controlled keys and locks; notice to the Division and surveillance department upon malfunction and repair, maintenance, or replacement of alarms

(a) Any key, locking mechanism, or locking system that is required by N.J.S.A. 5:12-100c or this chapter shall be patented **unless otherwise approved by the Division.** Such key shall be legally duplicable only by the manufacturer or an agent or successor thereof, and shall be capable of unlocking the locking device on no more than one type of secure box, compartment, or location used or maintained within any casino hotel facility.

(b)-(c) (No change.)

(d) Each casino licensee shall establish inventory internal controls for any key required to be controlled and maintained by a casino licensee and for any corresponding locking device including, without limitation, any key and locking device required by N.J.S.A. 5:12-100c and this chapter for a dual control locking system. The key and locking device inventory controls of each casino licensee shall include, at a minimum, procedures for:

1. Maintenance of inventory ledgers by identified, authorized personnel for purposes of documenting:

i. (No change.)

ii. The receipt of blank key stock **for keys listed in (c) above;**

iii.-vi. (No change.)

2. The storage of duplicate keys and locking devices, including a physical description of any storage location and the identification of authorized personnel in control of such location **and access to such location;**

3.-4. (No change.)

(e) (No change.)

13:69D-1.45 Signatures

(a) This section shall apply to any signature required by the rules of the Division or by a casino licensee's internal controls. Signatures shall:

1. Comply with either of the following requirements:

i. Be, at a minimum, the signer's first initial, last name, and [legible] credential number, written by the signer, **sufficiently written so as to permit the Division to readily identify the signer** and be immediately adjacent to or above the clearly printed or preprinted title **or position** of the signer; or

ii. (No change.)

2. (No change.)

(b) Signature records shall be prepared for each person required to sign records and documents and shall include specimens of signatures **including credential number**, titles of signers, and the date the signature was obtained. Such signature records shall be maintained alphabetically by last name either on a company-wide or departmental basis **and shall be made available to the Division either electronically or by hard copy.** The signature records shall be adjusted on a timely basis to reflect changes of personnel.

(c) Signature records shall either be:

1. Securely stored in the accounting department **and filed alphabetically by last name on a signature control card;** or

2. Stored in electronic form, **which** shall be maintained by the IT Department in a secure format so that such signature records can be promptly retrieved in the event of a computer failure.

13:69D-1.47 Keno procedures

(a) A casino licensee offering the game of keno shall use a keno computer system approved by the Division. A casino licensee shall immediately notify the Division of any malfunction of a keno computer system and shall not utilize the system until the malfunction has been repaired. Each casino licensee shall conduct the game of keno in accordance with internal controls for its keno computer system which shall include:

1. Access restrictions;

2. Hardware and software controls;

3. Override policies and restrictions;

4. Keno tickets and payoff information; and

5. Backup and recovery procedures.

(b) Keno shall be conducted by an individual known as a keno writer at a keno work station. A casino licensee may employ one or more "keno runners" to assist in the conduct of keno. A keno runner may act as an intermediary between a patron and a keno writer in order to facilitate the placement or redemption of a keno wager.

(c) A keno work station shall commence operation with an imprest amount of currency and coin ("keno inventory") which shall be stored in a lockable keno drawer.

(d) A keno writer or keno runner shall be authorized to accept and redeem wagers from a keno drawer assigned to the keno writer or keno runner. No casino licensee shall cause or permit currency, coin, or gaming chips to be added to, or removed from, the keno inventory during the gaming day except:

1. In exchange for a keno ticket purchased by a patron;

2. To make change for a patron buying a keno ticket;

3. In receipt of a coupon from a patron in exchange for currency, coin, or a keno ticket;

4. To pay a winning keno ticket;

5. To refund a voided keno ticket; or

6. In conformity with keno fill and keno credit procedures.

(e) Keno drawers shall be prepared by a main bank cashier, master coin bank cashier, cage supervisor, or keno supervisor in accordance with the casino licensee's internal controls.

(f) The keys to the keno drawers containing the keno inventories shall be maintained and controlled in accordance with the licensee's

internal control procedures. Each key shall be signed-in and signed-out in accordance with the casino licensee's internal control procedures.

(g) Each casino licensee shall conduct keno operations in accordance with internal controls for accounting and reconciliation of the assets. The internal controls shall include procedures detailing:

1. The verification of each keno drawer by a keno supervisor, main bank cashier, or cage supervisor;
2. The documenting of any overage or shortage;
3. The reporting of any suspicious winning keno ticket; and
4. The forwarding of all reports to casino accounting on a daily basis.

(h) If a keno writer or keno runner needs additional currency or coin, the keno writer or keno runner shall prepare a keno fill slip in accordance with the licensee's internal control procedures.

(i) A keno writer or keno runner may transfer currency, coin, gaming chips, slot tokens, and coupons to the main bank, master coin bank, or keno supervisor by preparing a keno credit slip in accordance with the licensee's internal control procedures.

(j) A keno runner may accept wagers and redeem winning tickets without the assistance of a keno writer provided that:

1. The keno runner operates from a keno drawer, pouch, or wallet; and
2. The keno system can generate the reports necessary for the accounting and reconciliation of the keno drawer, pouch, or wallet of each keno runner.

(k) If a patron requests to place a keno wager with a keno runner, the keno runner shall:

1. Require the patron to complete a two-part keno runner request and to present currency, coin, gaming chips, slot tokens, or coupons in an amount sufficient to fund the request;
2. Provide the duplicate of the keno runner request to the patron as a receipt for the keno wager;
3. Take the original of the keno runner request with the wager information together with the currency, coin, gaming chips, slot tokens, or coupons to a keno writer at a keno work station or to a keno booth, satellite keno booth, or keno locker where the keno runner has a keno drawer;
4. Receive the keno ticket or tickets and any change from the keno writer or generate them directly at his or her work station in a keno booth, satellite keno booth, or keno locker; and
5. Deliver the keno ticket or tickets to the patron in exchange for the duplicate copy of the keno runner request, provided that, prior to the exchange, the keno runner shall compare the two parts of the keno runner request to ensure that the ticket is presented to the correct patron.

(l) If a patron requests to redeem a winning keno ticket with a keno runner, a keno runner shall:

1. Accept the ticket from the patron in exchange for a one-part keno ticket receipt; provided, however, a keno runner who generates and redeems keno tickets at a keno work station, utilizes a winning keno ticket report to verify the winning ticket and has sufficient funds in his or her pouch or wallet to redeem the ticket may accept the ticket in exchange for the winning payout;
2. Take the winning ticket to a keno writer at a keno work station or to a work station in a keno booth, satellite keno booth, or keno locker where the keno runner has a keno drawer or, if the keno runner has paid the patron directly from his or her pouch or wallet, redeem the winning keno ticket at a keno work station no later than the end of the keno runner's shift;
3. Unless the keno runner has paid the patron directly from his or her pouch or wallet, obtain the proceeds of the ticket from the keno writer or the keno runner's drawer; and
4. Deliver the proceeds to the patron in exchange for the keno ticket receipt.

(m) No keno supervisor or keno writer shall start a keno game until all keno runners who are authorized to accept wagers for that game have recorded the wagers they have accepted. The keno supervisor or keno writer shall certify at the end of the shift that all

keno runners recorded the wagers they have accepted prior to the start of each keno game during the shift.

13:69D-1.48 through 1.51 (Reserved)

13:69D-1.54 Gaming vouchers; procedures for issuance and redemption; redemption of coupons through a gaming voucher system

- (a) (No change.)
- (b) A casino licensee may issue a gaming voucher:
 1. To automatically pay a jackpot or the amount on a credit meter, which value shall not exceed \$10,000. The voucher shall be dispensed automatically from [a slot machine] **an electronic gaming device** to a patron;
 - 2.-4. (No change.)
- (c)-(i) (No change.)
- (j) A computer record for a voucher **in the possession of the casino licensee** not in a redeemed status may be voided [manually] provided that:
 - 1.-4. (No change.)

(k) A cage supervisor or above may also void a gaming voucher record in accordance with a methodology approved by the Division if the casino licensee:

1. Reasonably believes that the gaming voucher has been misappropriated; and
2. Maintains sufficient supporting documentation.

(l) Gaming vouchers found by any casino employee shall be immediately delivered to the security podium where a security officer shall deface the voucher's barcode in the presence of the casino employee. The voucher shall be held in a secure manner until the end of the next gaming day or otherwise claimed by a patron and confirmed by a slot department supervisor. At the beginning of each gaming day, a security supervisor shall shred all found vouchers remaining at the podium from the prior gaming day.

SUBCHAPTER 3. EXPIRATION OF GAMING RELATED OBLIGATIONS OWED TO PATRONS

13:69D-3.1 Expiration of gaming-related obligations owed to patrons; payment to casino revenue fund

(a) [Any money that is owed to a patron by a casino licensee as a result of a gaming transaction must be] **A representation of gaming debt shall expire if not** claimed within one year of the date of the gaming transaction[, or the obligation of the casino licensee to pay the patron will expire]. Twenty-five percent of the total value of such gaming debts that expire shall be paid to the Casino Revenue Fund, and 75 percent shall be retained by the casino licensee to be used exclusively for marketing purposes.

- (b)-(e) (No change.)

**CHAPTER 69E
GAMING EQUIPMENT**

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

13:69E-1.1 Gaming chips (general rules)

- (a)-(d) (No change.)
- (e) A casino licensee may issue [promotional] **souvenir** non-gaming chips that are prohibited from use in gaming or simulcast wagering in any casino or casino simulcast facility. The physical characteristics of such chips shall be sufficiently distinguishable from approved design specifications of any gaming chip issued by any casino licensee so as to reasonably ensure that they will not be confused with authorized gaming chips. At a minimum, such chips shall:
 - 1.-3. (No change.)

- (f)-(h) (No change.)

13:69E-1.2 Receipt of gaming chips or plaques from manufacturer or distributor; inventory, security, storage, and destruction of chips and plaques

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

(c) After checking the gaming chips or plaques received, the casino licensee shall cause to be recorded in a chip inventory ledger [the assigned]:

1. **The assigned** alphabetical designation[.];
2. [the denomination] **The denomination** of the value chips and gaming plaques received[.];
3. [the number] **The number** of each denomination of value chip and gaming plaque received[.];
4. [the number] **The number** and description of all non-value chips received[.];
5. [the date] **The date** of any such receipt, and the signatures of the employees who checked any such chips and plaques[.];
6. [If the chips or plaques are required by this chapter to have a unique serial number, the numeric] **The unique serial number, if applicable** [shall also be recorded.]; **and**
7. [If the gaming chips are not put into active use, the ledger shall also identify the storage] **The storage location if not in active use.**

(d) (No change.)

(e) Whenever any gaming chips or plaques are taken from or returned to an approved storage area, at least two employees shall be present, one of whom shall be a supervisor from the casino [games or security department] **cege**, and the following information shall be recorded in the chip inventory ledger together with the date and signatures of the employees involved:

1.-3. (No change.)

4. The number and dollar amount for each denomination of tournament chip removed or returned;

Recodify existing 4.-5. as **5.-6.** (No change in text.)

(f) (No change.)

(g) The Division shall approve the process for the destruction of chips and plaques. Prior to the destruction of gaming chips and plaques, the casino licensee shall notify the Division, in writing, of the date and the location at which the destruction will be performed[.]; the denomination, number, and amount of value chips and plaques to be destroyed[.]; **and** the description and number of non-value chips **and tournament chips** to be destroyed. Unless otherwise authorized by the Division, the destruction of gaming chips and plaques shall be carried out in the presence of at least two employees of the casino licensee, one of whom shall be from the accounting department [of the casino licensee] and one of whom shall be from any other mandatory department other than the surveillance department [of the casino licensee]. The denomination, number, and amount of value chips and plaques or, in the case of non-value **and tournament** chips, the description and number [so] destroyed shall be recorded in the chip inventory ledger together with the signatures of the individuals carrying out such destruction, and the date on which the destruction occurred. The casino licensee shall also maintain a written log of the names and credential numbers of all casino personnel involved in each such destruction, and the names and employer of all non-casino personnel involved.

(h) (No change.)

13:69E-1.3 Value gaming chips

(a) Each gaming chip which contains a denomination on each face thereof shall be known as a "value chip." Value chips shall only be utilized on the casino floor or simulcast area, unless otherwise authorized by the Division.

1. Each casino licensee shall be authorized to issue and use value chips in denominations of **\$0.25, \$0.50**, \$1.00, \$2.50, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1,000, \$5,000, **\$10,000**, \$20,000, and \$25,000 and in such quantities as the casino licensee may deem appropriate to conduct gaming or simulcast wagering in its casino or casino simulcasting facility.

2. Each value chip issued by a casino licensee shall be in the form of a disk. Value chips with a denomination of **\$0.25, \$0.50**, \$1.00, \$2.50, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, and \$100.00, shall have a uniform diameter of one and 9/16ths inches. Any value chip issued by a casino licensee in the denomination of \$500.00 shall have a uniform diameter of one and 9/16ths inches or one and 11/16ths inches. Any value chip issued in the denomination of \$1,000, \$5,000, **\$10,000**, \$20,000, or \$25,000 shall have a uniform diameter of one and 11/16ths inches.

3. (No change.)

(b) (No change.)

(c) Each gaming chip manufacturer shall submit sample color disks to the Division that identify all primary and secondary colors to be used for the manufacture of gaming chips for casino licensees in Atlantic City. Once a gaming chip manufacturer has received approval for a primary or secondary color, those colors shall be consistently manufactured in accordance with the approved samples. In order for a primary color to be approved for use, it must visually appear, when viewed either in daylight or under incandescent light, to comply with the color tolerances [set forth below] or such other similar color tolerances as approved by the Division **as follows[.]**:

1. \$0.25 - "Peach" shall mean that color classified as 10R 7/8 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ 2.5YR 7/8	H- 7.7R 7/8
Value	V+ 10R 7.5/8	V- 10R 6.5/8
Chroma	C+ 10R 7/9	C- 10R 7/7

2. \$0.50 - "Slate Blue" shall mean that color classified as 10B 7/6 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ 7.5B 7/6	H- 2.5PB 7/6
Value	V+ 10B 6.5/6	V- 10B 7.5/6
Chroma	C+ 10B 7/5	C- 10B 7/7

[1.] **3. \$1.00 - "White"** [which] shall mean that color classified as N9/ on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Value	V+ N9.4/ [to]	V- N8.75/
Chroma	C+ 5R 9/1 5 YR 9/1 5Y 9/1	C- 5G 9/0.5 5B 9/0.5 5P 9/0.5

[2.] **4. \$2.50 - "Pink"** [which] shall mean that color classified as 2.5R 6/10 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ 3.75R 6/10	H- 1.25R 6/10
Value	V+ 2.5R 6.75/10	V- 2.5R 5.75/10
Chroma	C+ 2.5R 6/12	C- 2.5R 6/8

[3.] **5. \$5.00 - "Red"** [which] shall mean that color classified as 2.5R 4/12 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ 3.75R 4/12	H- 1.25R 4/12
Value	V+ 2.5R 4.5/12	V- 2.5R 3.5/12
Chroma	C+ 2.5R 4/14	C- 2.5R 4/10

[4.] **6. \$10.00 - "Blue"** [which] shall mean that color classified as 2.5PB 4/10 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ 5PB4/10	H- 10B4/10
Value	V+ 2/5PB4.5/10	V- 2.5PB3.5/10
Chroma	C+ None	C- 2.5PB4/9

[5.] **7. \$20.00 - "Yellow"** [which] shall mean that color classified as 5Y 8.5/12 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ 7.5Y 8.5/12	H- 2.5Y 8.5/12
Value	V+ 5Y 8.75/12	V- 5Y 8/12
Chroma	C+ 5Y 8.5/14	C- 5Y 8.5/10

[6.] **8.** \$25.00 - "Green" [which] shall mean that color classified as 2.5G 5/12 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ 3.75G 5/12	H- 1.25G 5/12
Value	V+ 2.5G 5.5/12	V- 2.5G 4.5/12
Chroma	C+ None	C- 2.5G 5/9

[7.] **9.** \$100.00 - "Black" [which] shall mean that color classified as N2/ on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Value	V+ N2.3/ [to]	V- N1.5/
Chroma	C+ 5R 2/0.5 5Y 2/0.5 5G 2/0.5	C- 5B 2/0.5 5P 2/0.5

[8.] **10.** \$500.00 - "Purple" [which] shall mean that color classified as 2.5P 4/10 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ 3.75P 4/10	H- 1.25P 4/10
Value	V+ 2.5P 4.5/10	V- 2.5P 3.5/10
Chroma	C+ None	C- 2.5P 4/8

[9.] **11.** \$1,000 - "Fire Orange" [which] shall mean that color classified as 8.9R 5.9/18.5 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ .15YR 5.9/18.5	H- 7.64R 5.9/18.5
Value	V+ 8.9R 6.4/18.5	V- 8.9R 5.4/18.5
Chroma	C+ 8.9R 5.9/20.5	C- 8.9R 5.9/16.5

[10.] **12.** \$5,000 - "Gray" [which] shall mean that color classified as N5/ on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Value	V+ N 5.5/ [to]	V- N 4.5/
Chroma	C+ 5R 5/0.5 5Y 5/0.5 5G 5/0.5	5B 5/0.5 5P 5/0.5

13. \$10,000 - "Bronze" shall mean that color classified as 5YR 5/4 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ 7.5YR 5/4	H- 4YR 5/4
Value	V+ 5YR 5.5/4	V- 5YR 4.5/4
Chroma	C+ 5YR 5.5	C- 5YR 5/3

[11.] **14.** \$20,000 - "Mustard Yellow" [which] shall mean that color classified as 5Y 7/6 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ 7.5Y 8.5/6	H- 2.5Y 8.5/6
Value	V+ 5Y 9/6	V- 5Y 8/6
Chroma	C+ 5Y 8.5/8	C- 5Y 8.5/4

[12.] **15.** \$25,000 - "Gold" [which] shall mean that color classified as 5Y 6/6 on the Munsell System of Color Coding which shall be reproduced to within the following tolerances:

	<u>Upper Limits</u>	<u>Lower Limits</u>
Hue	H+ 7.5Y 6/6	H- 2.5Y 6/6
Value	V+ 5Y 7/6	V- 5Y 5/6
Chroma	C+ 5Y 6/8	C- 5Y 6/4

[13.] **16.** Any casino may propose a different denomination value chip than listed in (c)1 through [12] **15** above. Approval of such other denomination chip shall be through the petition process.

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

13:69E-1.4 Non-value gaming chips for roulette and pokette

(a) (No change.)

(b) Each non-value chip utilized in a casino or casino simulcasting facility shall be issued [solely] for the purpose of gaming at roulette and pokette.

(c) Each non-value chip issued by a casino licensee shall contain certain identifying characteristics that may appear in any location at least once on each face of the gaming chip and shall be applied in a manner which ensures that each such characteristic shall be clearly visible and remain a permanent part of the gaming chip. The characteristics required by (c)1 and 2 below shall be applied in such a manner so as to be visible to surveillance employees using the closed circuit television system. The identifying characteristics of a non-value chip, at a minimum, shall include:

- 1.-2. (No change.)
 3. The word "Roulette" or "Pokette," as applicable; and
 4. (No change.)
- (d)-(e) (No change.)

13:69E-1.4A Tournament gaming chips

(a) A tournament gaming chip (tournament chip) shall have no cash value and be utilized solely in gaming tournaments in a casino, casino simulcasting facility, or location approved by the Division.

(b) Each tournament chip, unless otherwise approved by the Division, shall contain certain identifying characteristics that may appear in any location at least once on each face of the gaming chip and shall be applied in a manner which ensures that each such characteristic shall be clearly visible and remain a permanent part of the gaming chip. The characteristics required by (b)1 through 4 below shall be applied in such a manner so as to be visible to surveillance employees using the closed circuit television system. The identifying characteristics of a tournament chip, at a minimum, shall include:

1. The name, trade name, or other identification of the issuer of the tournament chip;
2. A design, insert, or symbol that will permit a set of tournament chips being used to be distinguished from the value and non-value chips being used at every other gaming table in the casino or casino simulcasting facility;
3. The denomination;
4. The words "Tournament" or "No cash value;" and
5. Such color and/or design combinations as the Division may approve so as to readily distinguish each denomination.

(c) Tournament chips shall be assigned only to those tables utilized in a tournament. No casino licensee or any employee thereof shall allow any patron to remove a tournament chip from a tournament.

13:69E-1.18 Cards; receipt, storage, inspections, and removal from use

(a)-(o) (No change.)

(p) Where cards in an envelope or container are inspected and found to be without any indication of tampering, marks, alterations, missing or additional cards, or anything that might indicate unfair play, those cards with the exception of plastic cards used at poker that are of sufficient quality for reuse, shall within 72 hours of collection be destroyed or cancelled. In addition, once cards retained as evidence by the Division are released to the security department, the cards shall immediately be destroyed or cancelled.

1.-3. (No change.)

4. Documentation supporting the actual destruction and/or cancellation of the cards shall be prepared by the casino security department or vendor performing the process. At a minimum, such documentation shall include:

- i. The date and time that the cards were destroyed;**
- ii. The name and signature of the individual(s) who performed the destruction/cancellation process;**
- iii. The amount of cards that were destroyed or cancelled; and**
- iv. The signature of the representative of the games department attesting to the number of cards (decks of cards) destroyed when the procedure is performed at the casino.**

13:69E-1.23 [Transportation] **Intrastate and interstate transport of slot machines** [into, within and out of State]

(a) Prior to the **any intrastate and interstate** transport [or movement] of any slot machine [into the State of New Jersey; from one authorized location to another authorized location within the State of New Jersey; or out of the State of New Jersey], the person causing such slot machine to be transported [or moved] shall first notify the Division in writing [giving] **with** the following [information]:

1. The full name and address of the person [shipping or moving said] **transporting** the machine;
2. The full name and address of the person who owns the machine, including the name of any new owner in the event ownership is [being] changed in conjunction with the [shipment or movement] **transport**;
3. The method of [shipment or movement] **transport** and the name of the carrier or carriers;
4. The full name and address of the person to whom the machine is [being] sent and the destination of [said] **the** machine if different from such address;
5. The quantity of machines [being shipped or moved] and the manufacturer[’s] **and** serial number of each machine;
6. The expected date and time of delivery to or [removal] from any authorized location in this State;
7. The port of entry[,], or exit[, if any,] of the machine if the origin or destination of the machine is outside the continental United States; and
8. (No change.)

(b) The person [shipping or moving] **transporting** any slot machine shall provide to the shipper a document, at least one copy of which shall be kept with the slot machine at all times during the shipping process, that contains the following information, at a minimum:

1. The manufacturer[’s] **and** serial number of the slot machine [being] transported;
2. (No change.)
3. The full name and address of the person to whom the machine is [being] sent; and
4. The date[s] of shipment.

(c) (No change.)

(d) [A] **For any movement that does not affect a casino licensee’s certificate of operation, the casino licensee shall** [obtain approval for and] provide 24-hour advance notice to the Division’s Technical Services Bureau[, of any slot machine movement within a casino that does not affect the licensee’s certificate of occupancy]. The notification shall include at a minimum the following information:

- 1.-3. (No change.)
4. The asset number, when applicable; **and**
- [5. The location being moved from; and]
- [6.] **5. The locations [being moved to] of origin and destination.**

13:69E-1.24 [Slot machine] **Electronic gaming device seals**

(a) The Division may utilize tamper resistant seals to secure critical gaming components inside [a slot machine] **an electronic gaming device**. When used, the seals may not be removed or broken by any person other than a Division employee.

(b) **Unless otherwise authorized by the Division, an electronic gaming device shall have all Division seals removed by the Technical Services Bureau prior to removal from the casino floor.** [A] If a slot machine [that] is temporarily removed from the casino floor, **the casino licensee may request to have a seal affixed to [it] the door of the slot machine** by the Division. [The seal shall be used to ensure the slot

machine’s main door is not opened during the time it is in temporary storage.] When the slot machine is returned to the casino floor, if the seal:

1. Is intact, the licensee may remove the seal **on the door** and place the game back in service without further inspection; or
2. Has been broken **or is not present**, the slot machine shall be re-inspected **by a Division Technical Services Bureau representative** prior to use.

(c) The casino licensee shall immediately report to the Division any finding or observation that a Division seal has been tampered with or broken. The licensee shall also immediately cause the [game] **electronic gaming device** to be deactivated unless otherwise authorized by the Division.

(d) [A slot machine] **Prior to any electronic gaming device** being transported out of New Jersey, **held in long-term storage**, or [being] converted to any other lawful non-gaming use, **the electronic gaming device** shall have all seals removed [from it] by the Division[prior to such transportation or conversion].

13:69E-1.25 [(Reserved)] **Residual value of a slot machine gaming voucher**

(a) Whenever the total value of a gaming voucher inserted for redemption at a slot machine cannot be completely converted into slot credits based upon the denomination of the slot machine (“residual value”), the slot machine shall either:

- 1. Reject the voucher; or**
 - 2. Store the residual value of the gaming voucher in the memory of the slot machine which shall be returned upon cash out.**
- (b) A slot machine which does not comply with (a) above shall be removed from the casino floor no later than June 1, 2015.**

13:69E-1.28A Standards for the approval of a slot machine game

(a)-(x) (No change.)

(y) Slot machines with a transfer to credit meter feature for jackpots shall:

- 1. Increment the coin out meter, or other meter as approved by the Division, by the amount of the transfer; and**
- 2. Be connected to a slot monitoring system that:**
 - i. Precludes the duplicate processing of a lock up transferred to the credit meter of an electronic gaming device or generates an alert to the surveillance department upon the occurrence of the processing of a duplicate payment; and**
 - ii. Generates a daily report of all Transfer to Credit Meter transactions.**

13:69E-1.28B Slot machine control programs and operating systems

(a)-(k) (No change.)

(l) Control programs shall be designed to:

1. Prevent required meters from being edited or erased unless [a RAM clear is performed or such media as approved by the Division is utilized] **the media containing the data is cleared using a specific procedure approved by the Division and designed for that purpose;**

2.-3. (No change.)

(m)-(u) (No change.)

13:69E-1.28E Standards for bonusing systems

(a)-(k) (No change.)

(l) Bonusing systems may offer [mystery progressive award] **a jackpot awarded by a random event and not based upon a specific game outcome (“mystery award”)** provided the bonus system contains all mandatory progressive parameters and meters as required by Division rules for progressive gaming devices, excluding display meters when applicable.

(m) (No change.)

13:69E-1.28I External touch screen systems

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

(c) The slot machine’s game screen may be overlaid provided that:

1. The overlaid portion does not affect the game play or the availability of help screens; [or]

2. Game play is suspended, in which case the entire game screen may be fully obscured[.]; **or**

3. The game is in tournament mode and the Division has expressly approved the overlay.

(d) (No change.)

13:69E-1.32A Technical standards for count room equipment

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

(c) Each casino licensee shall submit Release Notes to the Division prior to any hardware or software modification to count room equipment.

13:69E-1.39C Wide area progressive standards for linked progressive gaming devices used in more than one casino facility

(a) (No change.)

(b) WAP links for slot machines and multiplayer systems shall be administered from an approved location within Atlantic County [and], provided that wagering and account information for a multi-state slot system shall be transmitted by the operator of such multi-state slot system to either a restricted area on the premises of a casino hotel or to a secure facility inaccessible to the public and specifically designed for that purpose off the premises of a casino hotel but within the territorial limits of Atlantic County, New Jersey, and from there to slot machines of New Jersey casino licensees, provided all locations are approved by the Division. The system shall utilize a central server which is responsible for, at a minimum:

1.-7. (No change.)

(c)-(o) (No change.)

13:69E-1.39D Wide area progressive standards for a multi-state progressive gaming system

(a) Wide area progressive (WAP) links located in casinos in this State may be connected to WAP links located in casinos licensed by another state of the United States using a Division-approved progressive system to establish a shared multi-state progressive system (MSPS). The progressive system includes all hardware and software responsible for the operation of the MSPS including, but not limited to, the communication and configuration of the system.

(b) All participating state casino regulatory agencies shall establish an agreement that shall address the following:

1. The method to ensure the accurate accounting of all contributions;

2. The method to ensure that each participating state's tax laws are adhered to;

3. Procedures to ensure that the amount required to be wagered in order to qualify for the multi-state progressive jackpot is identical in all participating states;

4. Procedures to ensure equal probability in all participating states for winning the multi-state progressive jackpot;

5. Procedures for progressive jackpot adjustments;

6. Procedures to address multi-state jackpots that occur simultaneously;

7. Procedures to address dispute resolution;

8. Procedures regarding the security of the MSPS including the game, communications, and monitoring room;

9. Procedures to accept additional participants once the link is established in casinos of more than one state;

10. Procedures to ensure the MSPS operator is credentialed in all participating states;

11. The method for withdrawal from the MSPS;

12. MSPS parameter requirements including:

i. Maximum odds for obtaining the multi-state jackpot;

ii. The base amount of the multi-state jackpot award;

iii. The reset amount of the multi-state jackpot award;

iv. The rate of increment of the multi-state jackpot award;

v. The hidden rate, which means the increment rate for one or more reserve pools used to fund the next reset amount when applicable; and

vi. Any other parameter as may be required in order to ensure the proper accounting and auditing of the MSPS; and

13. Procedures for the independent reconciliation of the multi-state jackpot amount when won.

(c) Each MSPS shall comply with Division rules for WAP links set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39A, 1.40B, and 1.40C and 13:69E-1.39C.

(d) The maximum permissible odds for any jackpot awarded as part of an MSPS shall be 150 million to one.

13:69E-1.40 Technical standards for gaming voucher systems and promotional coupons

(a)-(k) (No change.)

(l) The voucher system application shall prevent a user from obtaining or viewing the complete validation number of an unredeemed and unexpired gaming voucher by masking at a minimum three digits or characters on all system menus, printed reports, and displays.

(m)-(q) (No change.)

CHAPTER 69F
RULES OF THE GAMES

SUBCHAPTER 3. BACCARAT – PUNTO BANCO

13:69F-3.3 Payout odds; vigorish

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

(c) Except as otherwise provided in (e) and (h) below, a winning wager made on the "Banker's Hand" shall be paid off by a casino licensee at odds of 1 to 1, except that the casino licensee shall extract a commission known as "vigorish" from the winning player in an amount equal to, in the casino licensee's discretion, either four or five percent of the amount won.

1. (No change.)

2. A casino licensee may collect the vigorish from a player at the time the winning payout is made or [may] defer [it to a later time; provided, however, that all outstanding vigorish shall be collected prior to] the collection until reshuffling the cards [in a shoe] or at the end of the patron's play for that session. The amount of any deferred vigorish [not collected at the time of the winning payout] shall be evidenced by the placing of a coin or marker button containing the amount of the vigorish owed in a rectangular space in front of the dealer on the layout imprinted with the number of the player owing such vigorish. The coin or marker button shall not be removed from the layout until the vigorish owed is collected or documented [in accordance with (c)3 below] on an Uncollected Vigorish form pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.30.

[3. Any vigorish deferred by the casino licensee but not collected from a player for any reason shall be recorded in the calculation of table game win for that table by the casino licensee in accordance with the casino licensee's internal control procedures, which internal controls shall, at a minimum, require:

i. The preparation by the pit clerk of a serially prenumbered Complimentary Vigorish Form ("Form"), consisting of an original and a duplicate copy, at a minimum, and on which shall be recorded the amount of the vigorish that was not collected, the name of the patron from whom the vigorish was not collected, and the signatures of the dealer, pit boss and pit clerk, as well as the signature of the patron if available, or a statement by the dealer or pit boss as to why the patron's signature could not be obtained;

ii. That the series numbers of all Forms received by a casino licensee shall be accounted for by casino employees, that access to the Form prior to use shall be restricted to pit clerks, and that each series of Forms shall be used in sequential order;

iii. The deposit of the original Form in the drop box by the dealer, in the presence of the pit boss and pit clerk who signed the Form;

iv. The retention of the duplicate copy of the Form by the pit clerk, for forwarding to the casino accounting department at the end of the gaming day, where it will be compared to the original Form placed in the drop box;

v. That the original and duplicate copy of all void Forms shall be marked "VOID," shall require the signatures of the pit boss and pit clerk, and shall be retained by the pit clerk until they are forwarded to the casino accounting department at the end of the gaming day; and

vi. Procedures for recording, no later than at the end of the gaming day, the amount of vigorish paid by the casino licensee as a cash complimentary to that patron.

4. All deferred vigorish shall be collected or documented in accordance with (c)3 above when each shoe of cards is completed or when the patron leaves the gaming table, whichever occurs first.]

(d)-(i) (No change.)

SUBCHAPTER 7. MINI-BACCARAT

13:69F-7.3 Payout odds; vigorish

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

(c) Except as otherwise provided in (d), (f), and (i) below, a winning wager made on the "Banker's Hand" shall be paid off by a casino licensee at odds of 1 to 1, except that the casino licensee shall extract a commission known as "vigorish" from the winning player in an amount equal to, in the casino licensee's discretion, either four or five percent of the amount won.

1. (No change.)

2. A casino licensee may collect the vigorish from a player at the time the winning payout is made or [may] defer [it to a later time; provided, however, that all outstanding vigorish shall be collected prior to] **the collection until** reshuffling the cards [in a shoe] **or at the end of the patron's play for that session.** The amount of any **deferred** vigorish [not collected at the time of the winning payouts] shall be evidenced by the placing of a coin or marker button containing the amount of the vigorish owed in a rectangular space in front of the dealer on the layout imprinted with the number of the player owing such vigorish. The coin or marker button shall not be removed from the layout until the vigorish owed is collected or documented [in accordance with (c)3 below] **on an Uncollected Vigorish form pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.30.**

[3. Any vigorish deferred by the casino licensee but not collected from a player for any reason shall be recorded in the calculation of table game win for that table by the casino licensee in accordance with the casino licensee's internal control procedures, which internal controls shall, at a minimum, require:

i. The preparation by the pit clerk of a serially prenumbered Complimentary Vigorish Form ("Form"), consisting of an original and a duplicate copy, at a minimum, and on which shall be recorded the amount of the vigorish that was not collected, the name of the patron from whom the vigorish was not collected, and the signatures of the dealer, pit boss and pit clerk, as well as the signature of the patron if available, or a statement by the dealer or pit boss as to why the patron's signature could not be obtained;

ii. That the series numbers of all Forms received by a casino licensee shall be accounted for by casino employees, that access to the Form prior to use shall be restricted to pit clerks, and that each series of Forms shall be used in sequential order;

iii. The deposit of the original Form in the drop box by the dealer, in the presence of the pit boss and pit clerk who signed the Form;

iv. The retention of the duplicate copy of the Form by the pit clerk, for forwarding to the casino accounting department at the end of the gaming day, where it will be compared to the original Form placed in the drop box;

v. That the original and duplicate copy of all void Forms shall be marked "VOID," shall require the signatures of the pit boss and pit clerk, and shall be retained by the pit clerk until they are forwarded to the casino accounting department at the end of the gaming day; and

vi. Procedures for recording, no later than at the end of the gaming day, the amount of vigorish paid by the casino licensee as a cash complimentary to that patron.

4. All deferred vigorish shall be collected or documented in accordance with (c)3 above when each shoe of cards is completed or when the patron leaves the gaming table, whichever occurs first.]

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

SUBCHAPTER 8. REGULATIONS CONCERNING ALL GAMES

13:69F-8.4 New games; requirements and procedures for application, declaratory ruling, test, or experiment, and final approval of new authorized game

(a)-(g) (No change.)

(h) Nothing in this section shall [be construed to restrict];

1. Restrict or limit the Division in any way from proposing new games or game variations on its own initiative, at any time[.]; **or**

2. Require the promulgation by the Division of rules for any new game or wager in order for the Division to approve an electronic table game provided that the electronic table game display fully discloses such rules to the patron.

13:69F-8.6 Gaming tournaments

(a) A casino licensee may conduct a gaming tournament for any game approved by the Division pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-5.

[(a)] **(b)** No gaming tournament shall be conducted unless the casino licensee files a written notice with the Division at the Division's Regulatory Enforcement Bureau office in the establishment, at least five business days prior to the commencement of such tournament, which notice shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The date(s), [and] time(s), and location(s) of the scheduled gaming tournament;

2. [A detailed description of the type of gaming tournament to be offered] **A listing of the equipment expected to be used;**

3. The number of participants [involved in the gaming tournament] **expected to participate;**

[4. The exact location of the gaming tournament;]

[5.] **4.** A description of [any additional] security **and surveillance** measures that will be implemented for the gaming tournament;

[6.] **5.** A certification from the supervisors of the casino licensee's security, casino gaming operations, and surveillance departments that the proposed gaming tournament will not adversely affect the security and integrity of gaming operations;[and]

[7.] **6.** A certification from the casino controller or designee [if the tournament impacts gross revenue] **that he or she has reviewed the rules for the tournament in regard to gaming tournament revenue reporting[.]; and**

7. A certification from a holder of casino key employee license that the tournament will be conducted in accordance with the internal controls required by (e) below.

[(b)] **(c)** The Division may at any time require the licensee to immediately cease any gaming tournament conducted[,] if the gaming tournament [provided] is in any material manner different from the description contained in the [submission filed pursuant to (a) above] **applicable internal controls** or in any way compromises the security or integrity of gaming operations or the collection of gross revenue.

[(c)] **(d)** (No change in text.)

(e) All funds collected by a casino licensee to fund the prize pool (for example, buy-in, re-buy, or add-on) shall be disbursed to the participants as a prize pool, except that a casino licensee may withhold dealer tips in an authorized tournament upon notification to the participants.

(f) Each casino licensee shall have on file internal controls associated with each tournament. The internal controls shall, at a minimum, address:

1. The game type;

2. Rules concerning tournament play and participation;

3. The prize structure;

4. Dealer tips, if applicable;

5. Participant registration procedures;

6. The methodology for determining winner(s);

7. The equipment to be used (for example, cards, chips, and slot machines); and

8. Forms utilized in conjunction with the tournament.

(g) A casino licensee shall make available to the public the information required by (f)1 through 6 above.