



Republic of Liberia

Amendment to

The National Lottery Authority Gaming Regulation 001

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 18th DAY OF January, 2017

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS, the National Lottery Authority (NLA) promulgated Gaming Regulations 001 to effectively regulate the gaming sector in Liberia pursuant to the National Lottery Act and to comply with internationally accepted principles of responsible gaming, which became effective on July 22, 2016, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend certain provisions of Gaming Regulations 001 of July 22 2016, for the efficient and effective operation of gaming in the Republic of Liberia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in the exercise of powers of the Authority under Section 5.6 of the Lottery Act of 2014, and Chapter 82, Title 12, of Liberian Codes of Law Revised (LCLR), these regulations are hereby promulgated.

Part 1: Preliminary Provision

1.1 Title and Commencement

This regulation shall be cited as “Amendment to NLA Gaming Regulation 001” and shall become effective on the date of publication into the Liberia Official Gazette.

1.2 Scope and Application of Regulation

These amendments supplement the NLA Gaming Regulation 001 and, along with it, shall govern the operations of gaming in Liberia. This Amendment to NLA Gaming Regulation 001 covers positioning of Gaming Machine Licenses in zones where Casinos are located, eligibility of sports betting for license as a Gaming Machine, and authorized number of Sports Betting Licenses that may be granted by the Authority.

This regulation is applicable to all entities and persons engaged in or seeking to engage in the operation of Gaming Machines and Sports Betting in the Republic of Liberia.

1.3 Definitions

Any capitalized word(s) used herein but not defined shall have the respective meaning assigned to it in NLA Gaming Regulation 001.

PART 2 Amendments to Gaming Regulation 001

Section 2 This Section Amends Section 5 on Gaming Machine

Section 5.1.1.1 is hereby amended to provide for a new Sub-Section 5.1.1.1(b) to read as follows:

“An applicant for a License that intends to operate Gaming Machines with multiple gaming platforms, including a platform for Sports Betting or any other regulated Game of Chance, shall only be eligible for a License if the applicant meets and complies with each requirement of Section 5, Section 6, and any other applicable provision of NLA Regulation 001 and this Amendment to NLA Regulation 001.”

Section 5.2.2.(c) which reads thus:

“Premises located within four (4) miles of a Casino; or”

Is hereby amended as follows:

“Premises located within a two (2) miles radius of a Casino; or”

Section 3

This Section amends Section 6 on SPORTS BETTING

Section 6.2.2 which reads thus:

“The Authority may grant a maximum of two (2) Sports Betting Gaming Licenses in the Republic of Liberia.”

Is hereby repealed and is replaced with:

“The Authority may grant Sports Betting License on a case by case basis as approved through a resolution of the Board of Directors, giving due consideration to both the social and economic impact of each license.”

Section 6.4.2(h), which reads thus:

“the applicant has met all of the requirements for obtaining a license prescribed in this Regulation; and

Is hereby replaced with:

“As required by Section 6.2.2, the Authority shall give due consideration to both the social and economic impact of granting the license, including (1) the number of licenses currently granted, (2) the social impact of existing licenses, and (3) the economic benefit to the Republic of Liberia in granting the new License.”

Section 6.4.2(i), which reads thus:

“any other matter that may be prescribed by regulation.”

Is hereby repealed and is replaced with:

“the applicant has met all of the requirements for obtaining a license prescribed in this Regulation.”

Section 4

This Section amends PART V – GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS

Section 21 – Transitional Provisions hereby becomes Section 22 and a new Section 21 is inserted, which reads thus:

Section 21 Fee Schedule

- 1. The Fee Schedule applicable for the grant of each Gaming License to be granted pursuant to this Regulation shall be as listed in Appendix 1.*
- 2. The Authority may amend NLA Regulation 001 Appendix 1 - Fee Schedule annually as approved through a resolution of the Board of Directors based on a determination by NLA Management that such amendment to the Fee Schedule is necessary giving due consideration to the economic and financial impact of such amendment.*
- 3. Any amendment to Appendix 1 - Fee Schedule shall be published for at least one consecutive week in at least two national publications and shall take effect at least thirty (30) days from the initial date of publication.*