

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY SPORTS BETTING
RULES**

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2019, House Bill 19-1327 authorizing sports betting in Colorado was signed into law;

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2019, Proposition DD authorizing a tax on sports betting was passed by the people of the state of Colorado;

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 44-30-201(2)(a), C.R.S., the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission may adopt temporary or emergency rules, or both, and may accept license applications before May 1, 2020 in anticipation of sports betting;

WHEREAS, a temporary or emergency rule may be adopted if an agency finds that immediate adoption of a rule is imperatively necessary and that compliance with the requirements of § 24-4-103, C.R.S. would be contrary to the public interest;

WHEREAS, the immediate adoption of emergency rules for sports betting is imperatively necessary to comply with state law and for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare and to ensure adequate time is available for the thorough and timely investigation of license applicants and to perform the necessary criminal and financial investigations required by statute, and compliance with the requirements of section 24-4-103, C.R.S., would be contrary to public interest; and

WHEREAS, the proposed emergency rules are necessary for the Commission and Division to carry out the purposes of HB 19-1327 by competently and evenhandedly discharging the duties required therein, and immediate adoption of the emergency rules will allow the Division of Gaming to begin accepting and processing sports betting license applications immediately so that sports betting may begin on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a permanent change in the regulations could be achieved no sooner than January 25, 2020, given the process for notice and promulgation of the rules pursuant to the provisions of section 24-4-103, C.R.S.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission, based on the facts recited above, as follows:

The immediate adoption of the emergency rules for sports betting, effective November 21, 2019, is imperatively necessary to properly regulate and control sports betting in Colorado and to ensure the regulated community has clear guidance concerning licensing requirements. The immediate adoption of the emergency rules for sports betting is for the preservation of the public health safety and welfare by ensuring adequate resources are available for the thorough and timely investigation of license applicants as required by § 44-30-102(3), C.R.S. and the delay resulting from strict compliance with the requirements of section 24-4-103, C.R.S., would be contrary to the public interest.

Resolved this 21st day of November, 2019.



For
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Kristep Blessman, Chair
Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission