RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title 4—ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES [4 PA. CODE CH. 71]

Commonwealth Parking Facilities

The Department of General Services (department) amends Chapter 71 (relating to Commonwealth parking facilities), by amending §§ 71.1—71.6, 71.11, 71.21, 71.31, 71.41—71.44 and deleting §§ 71.12 and 71.46 to read as set forth in Annex A.

Effective Date

This final-omitted rulemaking will be effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and compliance will be expected 30 days after publication.

Statutory Authority

The department's authority to promulgate this rule-making is set forth in sections 506, 2401.1 and 2402(a) of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. §§ 186, 631.1 and 632(a)). Section 506 provides the general authority for the heads of all administrative departments to prescribe rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, for the government of their respective departments, the conduct of their employees, the performance of their business and the custody, use and preservation of property pertaining to their department. Section 2401.1(20) sets forth the specific powers and duties of the department, which includes "the issuance of general regulations implementing the act." Section 2402(a) grants the department the power and duty to control and supervise the State Capitol Building and public grounds and buildings within the City of Harrisburg connected with the State Capitol.

In addition, section 2416(e) of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. § 646(e)) authorizes the Capitol Police "[t]o exercise the same powers as are now or may hereafter be exercised under authority of law or ordinance by the police of the [city] of Harrisburg[.]" Harrisburg City Police have the authority to enforce parking rules under Harrisburg City Ordinance § 3-131 (relating to stopping and parking generally).

Omission of Proposed Rulemaking

Under section 204(1) and (3) of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L. 769, No. 240), referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law (CDL) (45 P.S. §§ 1204(1) and (3)), the department is authorized to omit the procedures for proposed rulemaking in sections 201 and 202 of the CDL (45 P.S. §§ 1201 and 1202) if the department finds that the regulation relates to agency procedure or practice and Commonwealth property and that the specified procedures of rulemaking are impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest. The department has determined that publication of proposed rulemaking is unnecessary under the circumstances because the regulations deal with the department's procedure and practice as they relate to Commonwealth property, that is, parking facilities. These regulations are not contrary to the public interest.

Background and Need for the Amendments

Under the authority of section 2402 of The Administrative Code of 1929, as stated in 4 Pa. Code § 71.1 (relating to purpose), the department promulgated Chapter 71 "to

effect maximum utilization of parking facilities available for use by Commonwealth employes and to provide standard rules and regulations for the administration and management of the parking facilities." Chapter 71 was adopted in 1973 and has not been amended or updated in any way in over 50 years. Due to this passage of time, this final-omitted rulemaking requires an increase in the parking ticket fine amount along with updates based on operational changes. Most other state capitals, along with our Nation's capital, have parking ticket fine amounts that far exceed those currently set forth in Chapter 71. Moreover, the City of Harrisburg, which encompasses much of the Capital itself, has set its own base parking ticket fine amount at \$30, which is five times higher than the amount set in 1973. See Harrisburg City Ordinances § 3-131.11 (relating to charges for parking in prohibited parking zones). Amendments to Chapter 71 are required to deter misuse and abuse of Commonwealth parking spaces and places, modernize procedures, and ensure efficient and effective use of Commonwealth property. This includes the removal of superfluous, outdated, conflicting and unnecessary language. The public benefits from good stewardship and use of Commonwealth parking spaces and places, especially in our State Capitol. Without making these much-needed amendments, Commonwealth government is impacted based on the unavailability of parking spaces and the resources wasted on enforcing outdated provisions with little to no meaningful economic impact for those who violate the provisions of this final-omitted rulemaking.

Description of the Amendments

Chapter 71 is updated and amended by deleting superfluous, outdated, conflicting and unnecessary language and updating the amount for fines and the process by which those fines are paid. More specifically, §§ 71.1—71.6, 71.11, 71.21, 71.31 and 71.41—71.44 are updated to reflect modern day vernacular and to conform to the Pennsylvania Code & Bulletin Style Manual.

Section 71.2(c) (relating to general) is amended to require the email address for each Departmental Parking Officer to be supplied in addition to the other information that is already required.

The department deletes § 71.4(2) (relating to suggested priorities for parking assignments) which suggests prioritizing parking assignments for handicapped employees. When the regulation was drafted over 50 years ago this provision was necessary due to the state of parking regulations. However, in current times there is an abundance of handicap designated parking areas, making this provision unnecessary.

Reference to permits that are permanently affixed to vehicle bumpers is deleted from § 71.6(d) and (e) (relating to miscellaneous requirements and prohibitions), as this practice is no longer utilized in this Commonwealth.

The department amends § 71.11(a) (relating to general requirements) by deleting the practice of typewritten temporary parking permits that is no longer utilized and replacing it with the current practice of temporary permits that are initialed by the Departmental Parking Officer. Additionally, § 71.11(c) is deleted because there is no longer a need to prohibit temporary parking permits for areas numbered one, two, three or four.

Section 71.12 (relating to monthly report) is deleted as these reports are no longer necessary. Temporary permits are distributed by email and no longer require return to the department and the records are maintained electronically, therefore, no longer requiring a monthly report.

Additionally, with regard to lost or stolen permits, § 71.21(c) and (d) (relating to reporting and investigating) are deleted to reflect the current practice when a permit is lost or stolen. The language currently states that Capitol Police will search for the lost or stolen permit for 30 days. However, with all the responsibilities of Capitol Police this simply is not practical. The current practice should be to gather as much information as possible before requesting an investigation by Capitol Police, as reflected in § 71.21(e).

This final-omitted rulemaking amends § 71.42(a)(1) (relating to instructions to permit holders) to delete references to pressure-sensitive bumper sticker permits that are no longer utilized by the Commonwealth. Additionally, § 71.42(a)(3) is deleted as temporary permits are not issued in a format that requires their return to the Departmental Parking Officer. Section 71.42(a)(4), is amended to include the reminder that if an employee leaves employment without returning their permit, the agency will receive an invoice for the replacement permit. Finally, § 71.42(a)(5) which discusses inappropriate places to load and unload passengers is deleted, as this is more appropriately addressed by 75 Pa.C.S. (relating to Vehicle Code).

The department reformats § 71.43 to place all the provisions that must be complied with when using the underground garages under subsection (a) and the penalty for violating the provisions under subsection (b), to provide additional clarity for those who utilize the underground garages. The department also deletes § 71.43(a)(8) and (9) (relating to underground garages) as they contain outdated information about the bottom level of the garage that does not reflect the state of the garage today.

This final-omitted rulemaking also amends § 71.44(c) (relating to compliance with procedure, parking violations, fines and penalties) to allow a Capitol Police Officer to issue a parking ticket and increase the fine amount from \$5 to \$30, with the failure to pay the fine increasing from \$6 to \$50. The amount of time to pay the parking ticket is also increased from 48 hours to 4 business days so as not to conflict with weekends or holidays. Additionally, § 71.44(d) is amended to reflect the same increase from \$6 to \$50. With the current cost of the fine being set at \$6, there simply is not a deterrent effect to prevent individuals from parking in spaces where they do not hold a permit to park. When an individual who holds a permit cannot park in their permitted spot it causes delays in the work of the Commonwealth and additional costs in finding another place for the individual to park.

Finally, § 71.46 (relating to parking areas—Capitol complex) is deleted as it is an inaccurate depiction of the current Capitol complex.

Fiscal Impact and Paperwork Requirements

This final-omitted rulemaking will have a fiscal impact on the regulated community, as the fine for parking in a prohibited area will increase from \$5 to \$30. As roughly 500 parking tickets are issued each year the total amount of fines will increase from \$2,500 to \$15,000. However, the fine is avoidable by simply not parking in a prohibited area and it is the Commonwealth's goal that the increased fine will have a deterrent effect on the regulated community so as to reduce the quantity of tickets issued on an annual basis. This regulation will not create additional paperwork for the general public or the Com-

monwealth's political subdivisions.

Sunset Date

The department will continuously monitor the effectiveness of these regulations. Therefore, no sunset date has been assigned.

Regulatory Review

Under section 5.1(c) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.5a(c)), on October 29, 2024, the department submitted a copy of the final-omitted rulemaking and a copy of a Regulatory Analysis Form to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and to the chairperson of the State Government Committee of the Senate and to the chairperson of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives. On the same date, the department submitted a copy of the regulation to the Office of Attorney General under the Commonwealth Attorneys Act (71 P.S. §§ 732-101—732-506).

Under sections 5.1(e) and (j.2) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.5a(e) and (j.2)), the regulations were deemed approved by the House and Senate committees on November 30, 2024. Under section 5.1(e) of the Regulatory Review Act, IRRC met on December 5, 2024, and approved the final-omitted rulemaking.

Additional Information

Further information regarding this final-omitted regulation may be obtained by contacting Juan A. Ruiz, Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of General Services, 401 North Street, Room 603, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Findings

The department finds that:

- (1) Public notice of the department's intention to amend the regulations under the procedures in sections 201 and 202 of the CDL has been omitted under section 204 of the CDL because publication of proposed rule-making and public comment is unnecessary in that the rulemaking relates to agency procedure or practice and Commonwealth property.
- (2) The promulgation of the regulations in the manner provided in this order is necessary and appropriate to effect maximum utilization of parking facilities available for use by Commonwealth employees and to provide standard rules and regulations for the administration and management of the Commonwealth's parking facilities.

Order

The department, acting under its authorizing statute, orders that:

- (a) The regulations of the department, 4 Pa. Code Chapter 71, are amended by amending §§ 71.1—71.6, 71.11, 71.21, 71.31, 71.41—71.44 and deleting §§ 71.12 and 71.46, to read as set forth in Annex A, with ellipses referring to the existing text of the regulations.
- (b) The department shall submit this final-omitted rulemaking to the Office of Attorney General and the Office of General Counsel for approval as required by law.
- (c) The department shall submit this final-omitted rulemaking to IRRC, the House and Senate Committees as required by law.
- (d) The department shall certify this final-omitted rule-making and deposit it with the Legislative Reference Bureau as required by law.

(e) This final-omitted rulemaking shall take effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

REGINALD B. McNEIL, II, Secretary

(Editor's Note: See 54 Pa.B. 8361 (December 21, 2024) for IRRC's approval.)

Fiscal Note: 8-28. No fiscal impact; recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 4. ADMINISTRATION

PART III. DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES Subpart D. AUTOMOBILES

CHAPTER 71. COMMONWEALTH PARKING FACILITIES

GENERAL PROVISIONS; ALLOCATION OF PARKING PERMITS

§ 71.1. Purpose.

This chapter has been promulgated to effect maximum utilization of parking facilities available for use by Commonwealth employees and to provide standard rules and regulations for the administration and management of the parking facilities.

§ 71.2. General.

- (a) The Commonwealth will recognize to the best of its ability its responsibility for providing parking facilities for those employees who are required to travel by privately owned vehicle to their place of employment. It should be realized, however, that the Commonwealth is unable to provide parking facilities for all employees.
- (b) Parking permits will be allocated on the basis of Capitol Complex employee complement of each department, board or commission.
- (c) The head of each department, board or commission with offices and employee complement in the Capitol Complex area shall name an individual to act as parking officer who is empowered to handle all matters peculiar to the administration and management of that part of the Commonwealth Parking System as pertains to the department, board or commission. The name, title, telephone number, email address and office address of the parking officer, hereafter referred to as Departmental Parking Officer, shall be furnished to the Commonwealth Parking Officer, Department of General Services.

§ 71.3. Responsibilities.

- (a) The Commonwealth Parking Officer has the following duties:
- (1) To allocate parking spaces for use of the Capitol Complex employee complement of Commonwealth departments, boards and commissions.

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- (5) To procure and furnish Departmental Parking Officers with adequate supplies of permanent and temporary parking permits.
- (b) Departmental Parking Officers have the following
- (1) To assign allocated parking spaces to members of the employee complement of their department, board or commission. Parking permits, whether permanent or temporary, may be assigned only to agency allocations.

(2) To review parking assignments to ensure compliance with the purpose and intent of this chapter.

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§ 71.4. Suggested priorities for parking assignments.

The following priorities should be given prime consideration in the assignment of parking spaces:

- (1) Officials requiring the car for performance of assigned duties, such as department heads or other officials using the car during the day for official business.
 - (2) {Reserved}.
- (3) Individuals who commute from an area beyond public transportation and who cannot reach employment except by the individual's own car.
- (4) Regularly assigned State cars that must be parked near the agency for daily business use. On the parking permits for State cars, the bureau, division or other unit designation must be listed in the name and address column along with the license number and category.
- (5) Individuals who participate in a carpool. For carpools, a permit will be assigned to a principal driver and recorded as such by the Departmental Parking Officer, along with alternate drivers. An alternate driver may use this permit during any absence of the principal driver.
 - (6) Individuals with irregular working hours.

§ 71.5. Trading assigned parking permits.

- (a) The Departmental Parking Officer shall approve or disapprove the trading of assigned permits between employees of the department.
- (b) The trading of assigned permits between employees of different departments is prohibited and if it is found to have occurred, the Departmental Parking Officers will recall the parking permit from the assignee.

§ 71.6. Miscellaneous requirements and prohibitions.

- (a) Types and styles of parking permits will vary with need. Specific instructions for the type and style of the permit will be furnished to the employee with the permit at the time of issue. These instructions are in addition to the requirements contained in this chapter.
- (b) Departmental Parking Officers shall ensure that no employee has the use of more than one parking space on Commonwealth parking facilities.
- (c) Vehicle operators shall be personally responsible for ensuring that parking permits are properly positioned or displayed on the vehicle they park on Commonwealth parking facilities.
- (d) Parking permits shall be replaced when they are no longer legible. Damaged permits shall be returned to Departmental Parking Officers by the assignee with a request for a replacement.
- (e) Parking permits shall be returned to the Departmental Parking Officer, agency of issue, when an employee departs State service, transfers to another State agency or at the request of the Departmental Parking Officer.
- (f) Display of placards or signs designating "Official Business," "Messenger," "Mail Car," "Service Car" and similar statements instead of an official parking permit provided by the Department of General Services is not authorized and the operator will be cited for violation of the parking rules and regulations.

- (g) The Commonwealth is not responsible for fire, theft or damage to any vehicle, or its contents, while it is parked on Commonwealth parking facilities.
- (h) Unauthorized fabrication or duplication of official parking permits is unlawful, and offenders will be cited for violation of laws, rules and regulations.
- (i) Parking permits will be issued for the nearest available parking area to the employee's place of employment, to the extent possible and practical.

TEMPORARY PARKING PERMITS

§ 71.11. General requirements.

- (a) Temporary parking permits will be issued only against known vacancies in permanently allocated spaces. Temporary parking permits must be initialed by the Departmental Parking Officer.
- (b) Upon the expiration of the time designated on the temporary permit, the temporary permit shall be returned to the Departmental Parking Officer by the assignee. Failure to do so will forfeit future parking privileges.
 - (c) {Reserved}.
- (d) A temporary parking permit will not be issued to an employee who leaves a personal car parked in an assigned space for a State car. The permanent parking permit for the State car may be transferred to the personal car but must be returned to the State car when the State car is parked in its assigned area.

§ 71.12. {Reserved}.

LOST OR STOLEN PERMITS

§ 71.21. Reporting and investigating.

- (a) Lost or stolen permits shall be reported to the Commonwealth Parking Officer by giving the name of the person to whom the permit was issued and the permit and area numbers.
- (b) A person using a State car shall be responsible for notifying the Departmental Parking Officer if the State car has no parking permit. Unless there is evidence of a theft through break-in, the person who operated the State car immediately preceding the report shall be responsible for the loss of the permit.
 - (c) {Reserved}.
 - (d) {Reserved}.
- (e) The Departmental Parking Officer should require factual information concerning the reported lost or stolen permit before requesting an investigation by the Capitol Police.

SPECIAL VISITOR PARKING

§ 71.31. General requirement.

- (a) Agency requirements for special visitor parking for conferences, committee meetings and other special purposes shall be submitted to the Departmental Parking Officer at least 4 working days prior to the date of requirement.
- (b) The Departmental Parking Officer shall consider these special requirements in certain designated areas. Because the special visitor parking areas are limited, requests shall be honored on a first come, first served basis.

USE OF PARKING FACILITIES

§ 71.41. Surveys to ensure maximum utilization.

(a) Surveys shall be made periodically by the Commonwealth Parking Officer of the various parking facilities to ensure maximum utilization.

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§ 71.42. Instructions to permit holders.

- (a) Proper parking accommodations necessitate the cooperation of the employee, Capitol Police and the Departmental Parking Officer. Therefore, the following instructions are issued for the employee so that effective operation of the parking facilities may be achieved:
- (1) A parking permit shall be displayed where it can be easily read through the windshield on the driver's side of the vehicle.
- (2) Capitol Police Officers are not required to search for the permit or guess as to its information. Failure to comply with permit requirements constitutes unauthorized parking.
 - (3) {Reserved}.
- (4) Upon leaving employment, even by transfer to another State agency, the employee's parking permit shall be returned to the Departmental Parking Officer and the new agency should be consulted for parking accommodations. Permits not returned upon separation shall be reported to the Capitol Police as stolen. The agency will be sent an invoice for the replacement permit.
 - (5) {Reserved}.
- (b) Parking permits shall be issued by the Departmental Parking Officer on the basis of relative need. They can be recalled as circumstances and needs change throughout the year.

§ 71.43. Underground garages.

- (a) The following provisions shall be complied with by personnel using the underground garages:
- (1) Parking spaces in the underground garages are assigned by individual stall numbers. The permit shows the stall number and does not authorize parking in any other stall. If the stall is found to be already occupied, report this to the Departmental Parking Officer and park only as directed. Do not park in someone else's assigned stall
- (2) Parking in the garage on any level is restricted to passenger vehicles and motorcycles.
- (3) When entering the garage, follow the directional signs, arrows and the directions of the Capitol Police Officer on duty, as applicable.
- (4) Radio antennas must be kept down to the roof level of the car due to low ceiling height.
- (5) Vehicles may not be driven in excess of 10 miles per hour.
- (6) Headlights must be turned on low beam at all times when the car is in motion.
- (7) The horn may be sounded only to avoid an accident. Cars must be brought to a full stop before entering the garage.
 - (8) {Reserved}.
 - (9) {Reserved}.
- (10) No engines are to be run unnecessarily. Engines may be run only to arrive and depart from a parking

position. To preclude unnecessary build-up of carbon monoxide and other gases, no preheating of cars during inclement weather is permitted.

(b) Violators will lose their indoor parking privilege for a violation of the provisions of this section.

§ 71.44. Compliance with procedure, parking violations, fines and penalties.

- (a) General. Failure to comply with the procedures contained in this chapter and the posted parking instructions or restrictions at Commonwealth-owned or Commonwealth-leased parking areas constitutes unauthorized parking and operators of vehicles involved in the violation will be cited accordingly.
- (b) *Parking violations*. Additionally, vehicle operators will be cited for violation when the vehicle they are operating, whether attended or unattended, is parked in any of the following:
 - (1) No parking zone.
 - (2) Bus zone.
 - (3) Unloading zone or entrance ramp.
 - (4) Reserved parking space or stall.
- (c) Fines and payment. A person who receives from a Capitol Police Officer a parking ticket for violation of the parking rules and regulations contained in this chapter will be required to pay a fine of \$30 (increased to \$50 if not paid within 4 business days from date of violation). Instructions for payment of the fine are provided on the parking ticket. If the violator fails to pay the fine within the cited period, the record of violation will be forwarded to the Magisterial District Judge.
- (d) *Penalty*. A person violating this chapter shall, upon summary conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs of prosecution and in default of payment, may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 5 days.
- (e) Enforcement provisions. Enforcement of the provisions of this chapter shall conform with the following:
- (1) Informations charging violations of any of the summary provisions of this chapter, in such detail as the department may prescribe as being necessary for its records, shall be brought before the designated Magisterial District Judge within the city, borough, incorporated town or township in the county where the alleged violation occurred within 90 days after the commission of the alleged offense and not thereafter, except that when an information is filed against a person prima facie guilty of a summary offense, and it subsequently appears that a person other than the person named in the information was the offender or violator, an information may be filed against that other person within 30 days after that person's identity has been discovered, and not thereafter.
- (2) A salaried member of the Capitol Police, when in uniform or exhibiting a badge or other sign of authority, whenever a violation of the rules and regulations described in this chapter is committed in their presence, is vested with the authority to present the alleged offender a printed notice citing the offense or violation, the reverse side of which contains the amounts of the fines and instructions for payment.
- (3) The Commonwealth Parking Officer, upon accepting payment of the fine from an individual for a cited offense or violation, shall issue a receipt to the person acknowledging payment and shall record the payment upon the docket.

§ 71.46. {Reserved}.

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Title 58—RECREATION

PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD [58 PA. CODE CHS. 603a, 633a, 687a, 812a AND 819a]

Table Game Equipment; Blackjack; DJ Wild Stud Poker; Interactive Gaming Player Accounts; and Interactive Gaming Progressives

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (board), under the authority of 4 Pa.C.S. §§ 1202(b)(30), 13A02(1) and (2) and 13B02(a)(3), (6), (7) and (9) (relating to general and specific powers; and regulatory authority), amends Subpart K (relating to table games) by adding §§ 603a.22 and 603a.23 (relating to Direct Bet Coupons; physical characteristics and issuance; and Direct Bet Coupon use), amending Chapters 633a and 687a (relating to Blackjack; and DJ Wild Stud Poker) and amending Subpart L (relating to interactive gaming) by amending § 812a.9 (relating to player account controls) and adding Chapter 819a (relating to interactive gaming progressives).

Purpose of this Final-Form Rulemaking

This final-form rulemaking finalizes regulatory language which provides standards for the issuance and use of Direct Bet Coupons, provides standards for interactive gaming progressive wagers and amends certain provisions in table games rules and interactive gaming player account controls.

Explanation

In Annex A, Chapter 603a (relating to table game equipment) finalizes the addition of §§ 603a.22 and 603a.23. These sections provide for the authorization and framework for the issuance and use of Direct Bet Coupons, a promotional product in brick-and-mortar casinos. Direct Bet Coupons operate similarly to Match Play Coupons, authorized under §§ 603a.20 and 603a.21 (relating to Match Play Coupons; physical characteristics and issuance; and Match Play Coupon use), except that Direct Bet Coupons do not require players to at least match the promotional play value with money out of their pockets. Direct Bet Coupons allow Pennsylvania licensees to offer a promotional product similar to those allowed by competing casinos in neighboring jurisdictions.

The Direct Bet Coupon regulations contemplate licensees utilizing computerized systems for instantaneous creation of Direct Bet Coupons (patron-operated kiosks or casino staff-operated computer/printer system) or Direct Bet Coupons printed by either gaming service providers or the licensees themselves (non-instantaneously produced). These non-instantaneously produced coupons resent "blanks" that may not contain all the required identifying information required under § 603a.22(d) while held in inventory but must contain subsection (d) information at the time they are being issued to a patron for use. Instantaneously produced coupons must contain all subsection (d) information at time of printing, as this also represents the time of issuance to the patron.

A distinguishing procedural consideration between instantaneously produced and non-instantaneously produced coupons is that non-instantaneously produced coupons require additional inventory, control and reconciliation procedures to ensure the "blank" coupons are not accidentally or intentionally misplaced or misappropriated. Instantaneously produced coupons are printed, or produced, at the time of issuance, meaning there are not "blank" coupons to be inventoried, controlled, monitored and reconciled. Regardless of production method, all Direct Bet Coupons issued to patrons will be required to be accounted for in the Direct Bet Coupon ledger and the monthly reporting to the board.

Also in Annex A, Subpart L adds Chapter 819a. This addition to the interactive gaming regulations finalizes the framework for licensees to offer progressive wagers in the online gaming market. Specifically, § 819a.1 (relating to interactive gaming progressives) addresses an interactive gaming operator offering progressive wagers. Section 819a.2 (relating to interactive gaming wide area progressives) provides the framework by which interactive gaming progressive wagers will be allowed to be offered collaboratively between multiple interactive gaming operators. One edit from the proposed rulemaking is incorporated to correct a typo that referred to a slot system agreement rather than interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement.

Annex B of this final-form rulemaking finalizes edits to existing final-form regulations. The first edit updates § 633a.13(k) (relating to payout odds; payout limitation) to delete an antiquated paytable to ensure that payouts to patrons reflect probabilities of occurrence of events—namely that winning events with lower probabilities of occurrence (harder hands to achieve) should be rewarded with greater potential payouts.

Next, two edits are being made to Chapter 687a, which provides the table game rules for DJ Wild Stud Poker. The first edit is to the Two-Way Bad Beats Bonus Wager, under § 687a.11(f)(3) (relating to procedures for completion of each round of play). The revision corrects the regulatory language to provide that when either the player's or dealer's hand is comprised of a three-of-a-kind or better and loses, then the Two-Way Bad Beats Bonus Wager shall be deemed to have won. This edit corrects the language to ensure the Two-Way Bad Beats wager operates as originally intended. The second edit is to Paytable 1 under § 687a.12(c) (relating to payout odds; progressive wager configuration). The amendment corrects an error in the published seed/re-seed amount.

The final amendment in Annex B changes the 30-minute timeout under $\S 812a.9(c)(1)$ to a 15-minute timeout. This amendment makes the failure to receive a response timeout under $\S 812a.9(c)(1)$ match the requirement that a player re-enter their password after 15 minutes of player inactivity as provided by $\S 812a.3(a)(6)$ (relating to account security).

Responses to Comments

No public comments were received on the proposed rulemaking.

Fiscal Impact

Commonwealth. The board does not expect that this final-form rulemaking will have a fiscal impact on the board or other Commonwealth agencies. Work created because of this final-form rulemaking will be handled by existing board staff.

Political subdivisions. This final-form rulemaking will not have fiscal impact on political subdivisions of this Commonwealth.

Private sector. This final-form rulemaking will provide the regulated gaming market with increased promotion and game/wager options, while additionally providing clarifications with corrective edits. To the extent that the private sector may experience a fiscal impact, it is anticipated to be a positive fiscal impact.

General public. This final-form rulemaking will not have fiscal impact on the general public.

Paperwork Requirements

Licensees seeking to operate a Direct Bet Coupon program are required to maintain a Direct Bet Coupon ledger and make periodic reports to the board regarding Direct Bet Coupon issuance and usage. Additionally, licensees are required to make submissions for laboratory review software and hardware systems that would facilitate their Direct Bet Coupon programs and are required to submit appropriate forms to the board for product review. These forms constitute the same paperwork requirement for any board laboratory submission.

Licensees seeking to operate an interactive gaming wide area progressive system are required to submit for Board review and approval an interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement. This agreement will outline the roles and responsibilities of participating parties. This submission and the board review and approval requirement is consistent with the process required for slot machine wide area progressive systems under 58 Pa. Code § 461a.13 (relating to wide area progressive systems).

Other provisions of this final-form rulemaking will not create paperwork requirements beyond the established procedures for table games submissions or laboratory review submissions, or both.

Effective Date

This final-form rulemaking will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Regulatory Review

Under section 5(a) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.5(a)), on March 20, 2024, the board submitted a copy of the notice of proposed rulemaking, published at 54 Pa.B. 2085 (March 20, 2024) and a copy of the Regulatory Analysis Form to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and to the chairperson of the Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee of the Senate and the chairperson of the Gaming Oversight Committee of the House of Representatives for review and comment. A copy of the materials was made available to the public including being available on the board's website at www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov.

Under section 5(c) of the Regulatory Review Act, IRRC and the Senate and House committees are provided with copies of comments received during the public comment period, as well as other documents when requested. With regard to this final-form rulemaking, no comments were received from the public nor from the Senate and House committees.

Under section 5(g) of the Regulatory Review Act, IRRC may convey any comments, recommendations or objections to the proposed rulemaking within 30 days of the close of the public comment period. IRRC did not provide any comments, recommendations or objections. Under section 5a(j.2) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.5a), on October 23, 2024, this final-form rulemaking was deemed approved by the Senate and House

committees. IRRC met on October 24, 2024, and approved the regulations in accordance with section 5a(3) of the Regulatory Review Act.

Findings

The board finds that:

- (1) Public notice of intention to adopt these amendments was given under sections 201 and 202 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L. 769, No. 240), referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law (45 P.S. §§ 1201 and 1202) and the regulations thereunder and 1 Pa. Code §§ 7.1 and 7.2 (relating to notice of proposed rulemaking required; and adoption of regulations).
- (2) This final-form rulemaking is necessary and appropriate for the administration and enforcement of 4 Pa.C.S. Parts II and III (relating to gaming; and video gaming).

Order

The board, acting under 4 Pa.C.S. Part II and Part III, orders that:

- (1) The regulations of the board, 58 Pa. Code Chapter 603a, are amended by adding §§ 603a.22 and 603a.23 and adding Chapter 819a, §§ 819a.1 and 819a.2, as set forth in Annex A.
- (2) The regulations of the board, 58 Pa. Code Chapters 633a, 687a and 812a, are amended by amending §§ 633a.13, 687a.11, 687a.12 and 812a.9, as set forth in Annex B with ellipses referring to the existing text of the regulations.
- (3) The chairperson of the board shall certify this order, Annex A and Annex B and deposit them with the Legislative Reference Bureau as required by Law.
- (4) This order shall take effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

DENISE J. SMYLER, Chairperson

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Fiscal Note: Fiscal Note 125-247 remains valid for the final adoption of the subject regulations.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION PART VII. GAMING CONTROL BOARD Subpart K. TABLE GAMES

CHAPTER 603a. TABLE GAME EQUIPMENT

- § 603a.22. Direct Bet Coupons; physical characteristics and issuance.
- (a) A certificate holder may utilize Direct Bet Coupons in accordance with this section.
- (b) Direct Bet Coupons may be produced instantaneously through the use of computerized systems, such as player-operated kiosks or a system utilized by casino staff, or may be received from a gaming service provider or produced by the certificate holder.
- (c) Direct Bet Coupons may not be issued by a certificate holder or utilized in a licensed facility until all of the following occur:
- (1) The design specifications of the proposed coupons are submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations and approved in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment).

- (2) A system of internal procedures and administrative and accounting controls governing the inventory, distribution and redemption of the coupons is submitted and approved as part of the certificate holder's internal controls in accordance with § 465a.2 (relating to internal control systems and audit protocols).
- (d) Direct Bet Coupons issued to a patron by a certificate holder must contain all of the following:
 - (1) The name or logo of the certificate holder.
- (2) The value of the coupon which can be identified when viewing the coupon through the surveillance system of the certificate holder.
- (3) A serial number, barcode, QR code or other mechanism to be used to identify, verify and track coupons.
- (4) Restrictions regarding redemption including the type of game and wagers on which the coupon may be used.
- (5) A statement specifying the date on which the coupon expires, which can be identified when viewing the coupon through the surveillance system of the certificate holder.
- (6) The name or player identification number of the rated player to whom the coupon is being issued.
- (e) The marketing department, or other department as specified in the certificate holder's internal controls, and the finance department shall be responsible for administering the Direct Bet Coupon program. The marketing department shall be responsible for distributing the coupons to patrons. The finance department shall be responsible for maintaining the Direct Bet Coupon ledger and administering the coupon accounting procedures in subsection (f).
- (f) Each certificate holder shall maintain a Direct Bet Coupon ledger which serves as an inventory of Direct Bet Coupons, which shall comply with the following:
- (1) The Direct Bet Coupon ledger shall contain all of the following information relating to coupons produced instantaneously:
 - (i) Serial number.
 - (ii) Date and time of issuance.
 - (iii) Value of coupon.
- (iv) Status of the coupon, that is, issued, expired, voided or redeemed.
- (2) The Direct Bet Coupon ledger shall contain inventory information relating to coupons received from a gaming service provider or produced by the certificate holder, as further outlined under subsection (i).
- (g) Documentation, voided coupons, redeemed coupons and coupons that were not distributed to patrons shall be forwarded on a daily basis to the finance department where the coupons shall be processed in all of the following ways:
- (1) Counted and examined for proper calculation and recording.
- (2) Reviewed for the propriety of signatures on the documentation and cancelled.
- (3) Reconciled by total number of coupons given to the marketing department for distribution to patrons, returned for reissuance, voided, distributed to patrons and redeemed.
- (4) Recorded, maintained and controlled by the finance department.

- (h) Each certificate holder shall prepare and file with the Bureau of Casino Compliance a monthly report which lists, by denomination of Direct Bet Coupon, the total value of the coupons issued to patrons and the total value of the coupons redeemed by patrons.
- (i) If the Direct Bet Coupons are received from the gaming service provider or produced by the certificate holder, the following shall occur:
- (1) Direct Bet Coupons shall be opened and examined by at least one member of the finance department and one member of the marketing department. Any deviation between the invoice accompanying the coupons and the actual coupons received shall be immediately reported to a supervisor from the finance department and to the Bureau of Casino Compliance.
- (2) A finance department supervisor shall record all of the following information in the Direct Bet Coupon ledger:
 - (i) The date the coupons were received.
 - (ii) The quantity and denomination of coupons received.
- (iii) The beginning and ending serial number of the coupons received.
- (iv) The name, signature and board-issued credential number of the individuals who checked the coupons.
- (3) A marketing department supervisor shall estimate the number of Direct Bet Coupons needed for each gaming day or promotion and complete a requisition document which contains all of the following information:
 - (i) The date the requisition was prepared.
 - (ii) The date for which the coupons are needed.
- (iii) The denomination and quantity of coupons requested.
- (iv) The name, signature and board-issued credential number of the marketing department supervisor completing the requisition.
- (v) The name, signature and board-issued credential number of the finance department supervisor authorizing the requisition.
- (4) Upon receipt of the requisition document, the finance department supervisor shall record in the Direct Bet Coupon ledger all of the following information before the coupons are issued to the marketing department supervisor:
- (i) The beginning and ending serial number of the coupons issued.
 - (ii) The denomination and quantity of coupons issued.
- (iii) The name, signature and board-issued credential number of the finance department supervisor who issued the coupons.
- (iv) A record and explanation of coupons that were voided.
- (5) Direct Bet Coupons that are not issued to the marketing department shall be controlled by a finance department supervisor or above and stored in a secured and locked area approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(g). The certificate holder shall include in its internal controls the location of the approved storage area.
- (6) The marketing department shall maintain a daily Direct Bet Coupon reconciliation form which must contain all of the following information:

- (i) The date.
- (ii) The beginning and ending serial numbers of the coupons received from the finance department.
- (iii) The denomination and quantity of coupons the marketing department has to distribute to patrons.
- (iv) The denomination and quantity of coupons the marketing department distributed to patrons.
- (v) The denomination, quantity and serial numbers of coupons remaining.
- (vi) The serial numbers of coupons that were voided and the reason the coupons were voided.
- (vii) Variations discovered and an explanation of the variations.
- (viii) The name, signature and board-issued credential number of the marketing department supervisor completing the form.
- (j) At the end of the gaming day, a copy of the Direct Bet Coupon reconciliation form and Direct Bet Coupons that were not distributed to patrons shall be returned to the finance department. The marketing department may keep for use during the next gaming day coupons that were not distributed to patrons provided the coupons are stored in a secured and locked area approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(f) and recorded on the daily Direct Bet Coupon reconciliation form for the next gaming day. Expired coupons shall be returned to the finance department on a daily basis.
- (k) At least once every month, each certificate holder shall inventory the Direct Bet Coupons that are not distributed to patrons and record the result of the inventory in the Direct Bet Coupon ledger. The procedures to be utilized to inventory the coupons shall be submitted for approval as part of the certificate holder's internal controls.
- (l) When unused and expired Direct Bet Coupons are returned to the finance department, a finance department supervisor shall record all of the following information in the Direct Bet Coupon ledger:
 - (1) The date the coupons were returned.
- (2) The beginning and ending serial numbers of the coupons returned.
- (3) The denomination and quantity of coupons returned.
- (4) The serial numbers of any coupons that were voided and the reason the coupons were voided.
- (5) The name, signature and board-issued credential number of the marketing department supervisor returning the unused coupons and the name, signature and board-issued credential number of the finance department supervisor who received the unused coupons.
- (m) A certificate holder may internally manufacture or print Direct Bet Coupons, provided that internal controls governing the production and subsequent reconciliation of the coupons are submitted and approved by the board.
- (n) If included in the certificate holder's internal controls, required under § 465a.2, a certificate holder may authorize a gaming service provider to print and mail Direct Bet Coupons directly to patrons in accordance with all of the following requirements:
- (1) The Direct Bet Coupons mailed by the gaming service provider must comply with subsections (c) and (d).

- (2) The certificate holder shall supply the gaming service provider, through electronic means, a list of the following information for each patron to whom the Direct Bet Coupon shall be mailed:
 - (i) The patron's name.
 - (ii) The patron's address.
 - (iii) The denomination of the Direct Bet Coupon.
 - (iv) The expiration date of the Direct Bet Coupon.
 - (v) A serial number on each Direct Bet Coupon.
- (3) The Direct Bet Coupon issued must include a means such as magnetic strip, bar code or QR code that will enable the certificate holder's computer system to identify the information required under subsection (n)(2).
- (4) The information in subsection (n)(2) shall be provided to the finance department which shall maintain the information for purposes of inventory and reconciliation as required under subsections (f) and (g).
- (5) Direct Bet Coupons issued must be electronically cancelled in the certificate holder's computer system immediately upon redemption or during the counting of the table game drop boxes as provided in § 465a.25 (relating to counting and recording of slot cash storage boxes and table game drop boxes).
- (6) The certificate holder is responsible for ensuring that the gaming service provider does not mail Direct Bet Coupons to individuals on the casino self-exclusion list under Chapter 503a (relating to casino self-exclusion) or the exclusion list under Chapter 511a (relating to persons required to be excluded).
- (o) A certificate holder may utilize a computerized system that complies with the requirements in this section, provided that all of the following occur:
- (1) The computerized system creates Direct Bet Coupons that comply with the requirements in subsection (d).
- (2) The computerized system provides an equivalent audit trail and allows for the segregation of duties to satisfy the requirements in this section.
- (3) The certificate holder includes in its internal controls required under § 465a.2 procedures governing the production, recording and reconciliation of the computergenerated Direct Bet Coupons.

§ 603a.23. Direct Bet Coupon use.

- (a) A Direct Bet Coupon may be redeemed only at a gaming table in which patrons wager against the house.
- (b) A Direct Bet Coupon shall be verified as being valid by a dealer or boxperson prior to being accepted as a wager.
- (c) Direct Bet Coupons must be electronically cancelled in the casino management system upon redemption.
- (d) Only one Direct Bet Coupon may be used per patron per round of play.
- (e) Direct Bet Coupons may be utilized on main wagers that have payout odds of 1 to 1. Examples of acceptable wagers include the following:
- (1) In Roulette wagers on "Red," "Black," "Odd," "Even," "1—18" or "19—36."
 - (2) In Pai Gow, on the main Pai Gow wager.
- (3) In Craps or Minicraps, on the "Pass" or "Don't Pass" wager.

- (4) In Baccarat, Minibaccarat, Midibaccarat or other Baccarat variation, on the "Player" or "Dealer" wager.
- (5) In Blackjack, Spanish 21 or other Blackjack variations, on the main Blackjack wager.
- (f) Whether the wager wins or loses, the dealer shall deposit the Direct Bet Coupon into the drop box attached to the gaming table at the time the winning wager is paid or the losing wager is collected. If the wager is a push, the Direct Bet Coupon shall remain in play for the next round.

Subpart L. INTERACTIVE GAMING CHAPTER 819a. INTERACTIVE GAMING PROGRESSIVES

Sec. 819a.1. Interactive gaming progressives. 819a.2. Interactive gaming wide area progressives.

§ 819a.1. Interactive gaming progressives.

- (a) An interactive gaming certificate holder, or interactive gaming operator licensee operating on behalf of an interactive gaming certificate holder, may offer progressive jackpots that meet all of the following requirements:
- (1) Increase in value based upon an approved rate of progression.
 - (2) Are awarded for a specific outcome or event.
- (b) An interactive gaming progressive must include the following information:
- (1) The rules governing the award of the progressive, which must be readily available to players.
- (2) A progressive meter, visible to the players, which must increase in value based upon wagers placed and advise players of the amount which can be won if the player receives the corresponding outcome.
- (3) A cumulative progressive payout meter that continuously and automatically records the total value of progressive jackpots paid to winning players.
- (c) An interactive gaming progressive may not be offered for play until all of the following have been submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Laboratory Operations for review and approval, in accordance with § 461a.4 (relating to submission for testing and approval):
- (1) The progressive software, including a mechanism to authenticate and review the software.
- (2) The rules governing the progressive, including how they will be displayed to players.
- (3) The initial seed and reseed amounts at which the progressive meter will be set.
- (4) The proposed rate of progression for each progressive jackpot.
- (5) The proposed incrementation rate for a reserve pool, if any, to fund the next reset amount.
- (d) A modification to an interactive gaming progressive may not be offered for play until a written explanation of the modification has been submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Laboratory Operations for review and approval granted, in accordance with § 461a.4.
- (e) Two or more linked games offering the same progressive jackpot may be of different denominations or have different wagers, or both, required to win the progressive jackpot, provided that the following criteria are met:
- (1) The probability of winning the progressive jackpot is directly proportional to the wager required to win that jackpot.

- (2) Notice indicating the proportional probability of hitting the interactive gaming progressive jackpot is conspicuously displayed.
- (f) Prior to an interactive gaming progressive being offered, the operator shall be required to update its internal controls. The following requirements shall be met:
- (1) The internal controls shall provide the procedures by which jackpots are reconciled.
- (2) The internal controls shall provide for the procedures for investigating and reporting variances.
- (g) In the event of a malfunction, the interactive gaming progressive shall be made unavailable to players. The following measures shall be taken:
- (1) The operator shall notify the board in writing within 24 hours of a malfunction.
- (2) The operator shall investigate the cause of the malfunction and provide updates to the board.
- (3) The operator shall not make the progressive available to players again until board approval of corrective action has been granted.
- (h) Interactive gaming progressive jackpot meters may not be turned back to a lesser amount unless one of the following occurs:
- (1) The amount indicated has been actually paid to a winning patron and the interactive gaming progressive jackpot amount has been recorded in accordance with the internal controls approved by the board.
- (2) With written approval, the interactive gaming progressive jackpot has been transferred to another interactive gaming progressive or interactive gaming wide area progressive system.
- (3) The change is necessitated by a malfunction. An explanation shall be provided, and the board consulted prior to the adjustment being made.
- (i) An interactive gaming progressive may be transferred or terminated after written notice has been provided to the board subject to the following:
- (1) Players shall be given at least 30 days notice, in a manner approved by the board, prior to an interactive gaming progressive being terminated or transferred.
- (2) The transfer is to another board-approved interactive gaming progressive, and the board has verified and approved the comparability of the two interactive gaming progressives.
- (3) The transfer represents the entire interactive gaming progressive pot.
- (4) An interactive gaming progressive may be terminated concurrent with the winning of the progressive jackpot, provided that the progressive was so configured prior to the winning of the jackpot.

§ 819a.2. Interactive gaming wide area progressives.

- (a) Two or more interactive gaming certificate holders or interactive gaming operator licensees may, with the prior written approval of the board, operate an interactive gaming wide area progressive system.
- (b) An interactive gaming wide area progressive system shall at all times be operated in accordance with the relevant requirements of the act and the board's regulations, including § 819a.1 (relating to interactive gaming progressives).

- (c) An interactive gaming wide area progressive system shall be operated and administered by participating certificate holders and licensees in accordance with the terms and conditions of a written agreement executed by the participating certificate holders and licensees. The agreement, to be referred to as an interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement, must be submitted in writing and approved by the board prior to implementation
- (1) The interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement shall include terms covering the operation and administration of the interactive gaming wide area progressive system.
- (2) The interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement shall identify and describe with specificity the duties, responsibilities and authority of each participating certificate holder or licensee, or both.
- (3) The interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement shall outline the responsibilities for funding and payment of all jackpots, fees and taxes associated with the operation of the interactive gaming wide area progressive system.
- (4) The interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement shall detail the process by which significant decisions regarding the operation of the interactive gaming wide area progressive system are approved and implemented by the participating certificate holders or licensees, or both.
- (5) The interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement shall outline the responsibilities for maintaining records and notifying the board.
- (d) Certificate holders and licensees party to an interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement will be required to update internal controls prior to commencing interactive gaming wide area progressive operations.
- (e) An interactive gaming wide area progressive may only be transferred to another game that is available on all interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement participants' sites. A transfer must include the entirety of the progressive jackpot pool, including all seed/re-seed amounts collected.
- (f) Each party to an interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement shall be liable for acts, omissions and violations of the act and this part related to its own individual duties and responsibilities under the interactive gaming wide area progressive agreement, unless the slot system agreement specifically provides that the parties will be jointly and severally liable.

Annex B

TITLE 58. RECREATION PART VII. GAMING CONTROL BOARD Subpart K. TABLE GAMES CHAPTER 633a, BLACKJACK

§ 633a.13. Payout odds; payout limitation.

(a) The certificate holder shall pay each winning Black-jack Wager at odds of 1 to 1 with the exception of Blackjack which shall be paid at odds of 3 to 2.

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(k) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Three Card Poker Wagers at odds in the following paytable selected by the certificate holder in its Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2:

Hand	Paytable
Straight Flush	30 to 1
Three-of-a-kind	20 to 1
Straight	10 to 1
Flush	5 to 1

(l) If the certificate holder offers the Hit and Run Progressive Wager:

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CHAPTER 687a. DJ WILD STUD POKER

§ 687a.11. Procedures for completion of each round of play.

(a) After the dealing procedures required under §§ 687a.8, 687a.9 or 687a.10 (relating to procedure for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe; procedure for dealing the cards from the hand; and procedure for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe) have been completed, each player shall examine his cards subject to the following limitations:

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- (f) After settling the player's Ante Wager, Blind Wager and Raise Wager, the dealer shall settle any optional wagers as follows:
- (1) For the Progressive Bonus Wager, if the player has been dealt the Joker Wild card, it will be replaced in his hand with the one card in the area on the layout described in § 687a.2(b)(4) (relating to DJ Wild Stud Poker table; physical characteristics).

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- (3) For the Two-Way Bad Beat Bonus Wager:
- (i) If the player's highest ranking DJ Wild Stud Poker hand and the dealer's highest ranking DJ Wild Stud Poker hand are not both three-of-a-kind or better, or the player's and dealer's highest ranking hands tie being a three-of-a-kind or better as provided in § 687a.6(f), the dealer shall collect the losing Two-Way Bad Beat Bonus Wager.
- (ii) If the player's highest ranking DJ Wild Stud Poker hand is three-of-a-kind or better and loses to the dealer's higher ranking hand, as provided in § 687a.6(f), the dealer shall pay the winning Two-Way Bad Beat Bonus Wager in accordance with § 687a.12(e).
- (iii) If the dealer's highest ranking DJ Wild Stud Poker hand is three-of-a-kind or better and loses to the player's highest ranking hand, as provided in § 687a.6(f), the dealer shall pay the winning Two-Way Bad Beat Bonus Wager in accordance with § 687a.12(e).

(g) After all wagers of the player have been settled, the dealer shall remove any remaining cards from the table and place them in the discard rack in a manner that permits the reconstruction of each hand in the event of a question or dispute.

§ 687a.12. Payout odds; progressive wager configuration.

(a) A certificate holder shall pay winning Ante Wager and Raise Wagers 1 to 1.

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(c) A certificate holder shall pay out winning Progressive Bonus Wagers in accordance with one of the following payout tables selected by the certificate holder in its Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions):

Progressive Paytable 1; \$1 Wager; \$10,000 seed and re-seed		
Hand	Pay	Envy
Royal flush	100% of meter	\$1,000
Straight flush	10% of meter	\$300
Four-of-a-kind	300 to 1	
Full house	50 to 1	
Flush	40 to 1	
Straight	30 to 1	
Three-of-a-kind	9 to 1	

Subpart L. INTERACTIVE GAMING CHAPTER 812a. INTERACTIVE GAMING PLAYER ACCOUNTS

§ 812a.9. Player account controls.

(a) A player session is started when a player logs in to the interactive gaming system.

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- (c) Interactive gaming systems must employ a mechanism that detects session inactivity and terminates a player session when applicable.
- (1) If the interactive gaming system fails to receive a response from the interactive gaming device within 15 minutes, whether the player has been in away from computer mode or not, the interactive gaming system must implement a user inactivity timeout and terminate the player session.

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