

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 5:12-88 (Casinos-- establish 2-year licenses)

LAWS OF: 1987 **CHAPTER:** 348

Bill No: S2462

Sponsor(s): Codey

Date Introduced: September 8, 1986

Committee: **Assembly:** Independent Authorities

Senate: Institutions, Health and Welfare

Amended during passage: Yes Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks.

Date of Passage: **Assembly:** December 17, 1987

Senate: October 23, 1986

Date of Approval: January 4, 1988

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes (Below)

Committee statement: **Assembly** Yes

Senate Yes

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on Signing: No

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: Yes

Sponsor's statement:

This bill provides that after a casino licensee has received its second one-year renewal of its casino license, subsequent renewals shall be for a period of two years. The bill also provides that the minimum renewal fee for a two-year license shall be \$200,000.00.

974.90 New Jersey. Legislature. Assembly.

G191 Independent and Regional Authorities Committee.

1987 Public meeting on A2870, A3431, . . . S2462, held 1-12-87, 2-5-87 and 2-27-87.

See newspaper clipping-- attached:

"Bill extends licenses for casinos," 8-5-86 Atlantic City Press.

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SENATE, No. 2462

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 8, 1986

By Senator CODEY

Referred to Committee on Institutions, Health and Welfare

AN ACT concerning casino licenses and amending P. L. 1977, c. 110.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
 2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 88 of P. L. 1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-88) is amended to
 2 read as follows:

3 88. Renewal of Casino Licenses. a. Subject to the power of the
 4 commission to deny, revoke, or suspend licenses, any casino license
 5 in force shall be renewed by the commission for the next succeed-
 6 ing license period upon proper application for renewal and pay-
 7 ment of license fees and taxes as required by law and the regula-
 8 tions of the commission. *The license period for a renewed casino*
 9 *license shall be one year for the first two renewal periods succeed-*
 10 *ing the initial issuance of a casino license pursuant to section 87*
 11 *of P. L. 1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-87). Thereafter, a casino license shall*
 12 *be renewed for a period of two years, but the commission may*
 13 *reopen licensing hearings at any time ***[during the renewal period***
 14 *for good cause shown]*. *In addition, the commission shall reopen*
 15 *licensing hearings at any time at the request of the Division of*
 16 *Gaming Enforcement in the Department of Law and Public Safety.*
 16A *Notwithstanding the foregoing, the commission may, for the pur-*
 16B *pose of facilitating its administration of this act, renew the casino*
 16C *license of the holders of licenses initially opening after January 1,*
 16D *1981 for a period of one year; provided, however, the renewal*
 16E *period for those particular casino licenses may not be adjusted*
 16F *more than once pursuant to this provision.** The commission

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
 is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Assembly committee amendments adopted March 5, 1987.

16G shall act upon any such application [no later than 30 days] prior
16H to the date of expiration of the current license.

17 b. Application for renewal shall be filed with the commission no
18 later than 90 days prior to the expiration of the current license,
19 and all license fees and taxes as required by law shall be paid
20 to the commission on or before the date of expiration of the cur-
21 rent license.

22 c. Upon renewal of any license the commission shall issue an
23 appropriate renewal certificate or validating device or sticker
24 which shall be attached to each casino license.

1 2. Section 139 of P. L. 1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-139) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 139. Casino License Fees. a. The commission shall, by regula-
4 tion, establish annual fees for the issuance or renewal of casino
5 licenses. The issuance fee shall be based upon the cost of investi-
6 gation and consideration of the license application and shall be
7 not less than \$200,000.00. The renewal fee shall be based upon the
8 cost of maintaining control and regulatory activities contemplated
9 by this act and shall be not less than \$100,000.00 [annually] for
10 a one-year casino license and \$200,000.00 for a two-year casino
11 license.

12 b. The Attorney General shall certify to the commission actual
13 and prospective costs of the investigative and enforcement func-
14 tions of the division, which costs shall be the basis, together with
15 the operating expenses of the commission, for the establishment
16 of annual license issuance and renewal fees.

17 c. A nonrefundable deposit of at least \$100,000.00 shall be re-
18 quired to be posted with each application for a casino license and
19 shall be applied to the initial license fee if the application is
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STATEMENT

This bill provides that after a casino licensee has received its second one-year renewal of its casino license, subsequent renewals shall be for a period of two years. The bill also provides that the minimum renewal fee for a two-year license shall be \$200,000.00.

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ASSEMBLY INDEPENDENT AND REGIONAL
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2462

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 5, 1987

The Assembly Independent and Regional Authorities Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2462 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill amends section 88 of the "Casino Control Act," P. L. 1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-1 et seq.). Under current provisions, initial casino licenses are issued for periods of one year and are eligible for one-year renewals each year thereafter. Section 88 of the act also requires the commission to renew casino licenses no later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the current license.

This bill provides that annual review of a casino license shall continue for two years after the initial licensing of a casino, and after two one-year renewal periods, a casino license shall be renewed for a two-year period. The bill also eliminates the 30-day limitation for final action by the commission on a renewal application and provides that the minimum renewal fee for a two-year license shall be \$200,000.00. At present, the law provides only for a minimum renewal fee of \$100,000.00.

The bill further provides that the Casino Control Commission may reopen licensing hearings at any time and that the commission shall reopen licensing hearings at any time at the request of the Division of Gaming Enforcement.

The bill permits the commission on a one-time basis to renew the casino license of holders of licenses initially opening after January 1, 1981 for a period of one-year.

The amendments adopted by the committee remove the good cause requirement thereby permitting the commission to reopen licensing hearings at any time and require the commission to reopen licensing hearings at the request of the Division of Gaming Enforcement. The amendments also give the commission the discretion to issue one-year licenses on a one-time basis in certain cases to facilitate the administration of the act.

SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2462

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 2, 1986

The Senate Institutions, Health and Welfare Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2462.

This bill amends the "Casino Control Act," P. L. 1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-1 et seq.) to provide that after the first two one-year renewal periods, a casino license shall be renewed for a two-year period. The minimum fee for a two-year renewal license will be \$200,000.00. The bill also provides that the Casino Control Commission may reopen licensing hearings at any time during the renewal period for good cause shown.

Currently, a casino license must be renewed annually. The fee for the annual renewal is \$100,000.00.