

**STATE OF OHIO  
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

*In re:* :  
 : Case No. 2014-LIC-008  
**CORY WARD,** :  
**CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSEE** :  
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 Licensee. :

**ORDER REVOKING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE**

On June 29, 2012, Cory Ward filed with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) an application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. The Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Ward to determine his eligibility for such a license. Having found Ward suitable for licensure, the Commission issued a Casino Gaming Employee License to Ward on July 11, 2012.

During an administrative investigation of Ward, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Intent to Revoke, Suspend, Limit, Condition, Restrict, Penalize, and/or Fine and Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated February 6, 2014. (Exhibit A.) Ward received the Notice, sent via certified mail, on or about February 7, 2014. (Exhibit B.) Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Ward had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Ward failed to do so. Accordingly, no hearing was held and the matter was brought before the Commission on April 16, 2014, for final adjudication. R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04(A).

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **FINDS** and **CONCLUDES** as follows:

- 1) Based on the results of the Commission’s administrative investigation, Ward failed to notify the Commission that he:
  - A) Was arrested for and/or charged on May 15, 2013, with an R.C. 4511.19 – Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Drugs violation, a first-degree misdemeanor, and an R.C. 2923.16 – Improperly Handling Firearms in a Motor Vehicle violation, a fourth-degree felony, in Franklin County, Ohio;
  - B) Pled guilty, or no contest to an R.C. 4511.19(A)(1)(a) – OVI – Impaired violation, a first-degree misdemeanor, on October 29, 2013, in Franklin County Municipal Court; and
  - C) Was sentenced on October 29, 2013, as a result of the Court’s finding of guilty, to:

- i) 180 days of confinement with 177 days suspended, for a total of three days of confinement;
- ii) A \$400.00 fine;
- iii) Six traffic points onto his driving record; and
- iv) One year of community control,

in violation of Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-04 (A)(5), (8) and/or (B).

2) Based on the results of the Commission's administrative investigation, Ward is no longer suitable for licensure as a Casino Gaming Employee Licensee in this state, as required by R.C. 3772.10(B), (C)(7), and (D)(1), to wit, Ward:


- A) Was arrested for and/or charged on May 15, 2013, with an R.C. 4511.19 – Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Drugs violation, a first-degree misdemeanor, and an R.C. 2923.16 – Improperly Handling Firearms in a Motor Vehicle violation, a fourth-degree felony, in Franklin County, Ohio;
- B) Pled guilty, or no contest to an R.C. 4511.19(A)(1)(a) – OVI – Impaired violation, a first-degree misdemeanor, on October 29, 2013, in Franklin County Municipal Court; and
- C) Was sentenced on October 29, 2013, to:
  - i) 180 days of confinement with 177 days suspended, for a total of three days of confinement;
  - ii) A \$400.00 fine;
  - iii) Six traffic points onto his driving record; and
  - iv) One year of community control.

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1) Ward's Casino Gaming Employee License is **REVOKED**.

- 2) Ward shall immediately **SURRENDER** his license credential to the Commission.
- 3) Ward is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 4) Ward is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date this Order is served upon him, absent a waiver granted by the Commission commensurate with Ohio Adm. Code 3772-1-04.
- 5) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Ward, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and his counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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Jo Ann Davidson, Chair  
Ohio Casino Control Commission

**NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

The Party is hereby notified that pursuant to R.C. 119.12, this Commission Order may be appealed by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Commission setting forth the Order that the Party is appealing from and stating that the Commission's Order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. The Notice of Appeal may also include, but is not required to include, the specific grounds for the appeal. The Notice of Appeal must also be filed with the appropriate court of common pleas in accordance with R.C. 119.12. In filing the Notice of Appeal with the Commission or court, the notice that is filed may be either the original Notice of Appeal or a copy thereof. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 15 days after the date of mailing of this Commission Order.