

**STATE OF OHIO  
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

*In re:* :  
 : Case No. 2017-LIC-006  
**EDWARD BELLANCA,** :  
**CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE APPLICANT** :  
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 Applicant. :  
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**ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE**

On August 4, 2016, Edward Bellanca filed with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) a renewal application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Bellanca to determine his eligibility for such a license.

During a suitability investigation of Bellanca, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated January 19, 2017 (dated 2016 [*sic*]). (State’s Ex. B, C.) Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Bellanca had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Bellanca so requested, (State’s Ex. D.) and the Commission scheduled a hearing for February 14, 2017; and upon its own motion, the Commission continued the hearing until April 4, 2017. (State’s Ex. E.) At the same time and upon the discovery of additional information affecting Bellanca’s suitability for licensure, the Commission issued an amended Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“amended Notice”), dated February 13, 2017. (State’s Exs. E, F, G.) Bellanca appeared at the hearing without counsel, and the Commission held the hearing as scheduled before Hearing Examiner Andrew Cooke (“Examiner”).

After presentation and submission of the evidence at the hearing, the Examiner closed the record. (Tr. 25.) The Examiner prepared a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”), which he submitted on May 15, 2017. Therein, the Examiner found that Bellanca: (1) submitted a renewal application to the Commission that contained false and incomplete information, in violation of R.C. 3772.10(C)(2) and (5) and/or (F), R.C. 3772.131(D), Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-02(A) and/or 3772-8-05(B)(11) (R&R 5-6.); (2) failed to timely notify the Commission of two new offenses during a period he was licensed, in violation of R.C. 3772.10(C)(5) and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-04 (*Id.* at 6-7.); and (3) failed to establish, by clear and convincing evidence, his suitability for licensure as a Casino Gaming Employee, as required by R.C. 3772.10(B). (*Id.* at 7). As a result of these findings, the Examiner recommended that the Commission deny Bellanca’s renewal application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. (*Id.* at 8.)

On May 18, 2017, the Commission sent Bellanca, via certified mail, a copy of the R&R. (App. #1; App. #2.) Bellanca received the R&R on May 22, 2017. (App. #3.) Therefore, Bellanca had until June 21, 2017, to file objections. *See* R.C. 3772.04(A)(2). Bellanca did not do so.

In accordance with R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, the matter was submitted to the Commission on July 19, 2017, for final adjudication.

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **ADOPTS** the Examiner's R&R without modification.

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

- 1) Bellanca's renewal application is **DENIED**;
- 2) Bellanca is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772;
- 3) Bellanca 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; and
- 4) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Bellanca, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and his counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



June E. Taylor, Chair  
Ohio Casino Control Commission

**NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

The Party is hereby notified that pursuant to R.C. 119.12, the 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 Franklin County 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.