## STATE OF OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

In re:

Case No. 2014-IVEL-002

KRISTINA BURNS,

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Party.

## ORDER FOR PLACEMENT ON COMMISSION INVOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST

From June 5, 2013, through August 27, 2013, Kristina Burns knowingly issued \$48,205.00 of free slot play to several individuals, without authorization to do so, during her employment at Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati ("Horseshoe"), which caused Horseshoe to pay a total of \$35,352.90 in winnings and resulted in a total combined loss of \$83,557.90 to the casino. On December 19, 2013, she was indicted for one count of theft, in violation of R.C. 2913.02(A), a fourth-degree felony, one count tampering with records, in violation of R.C. 2913.42(A)(1), a fourth-degree felony, one count of forgery, in violation of R.C. 2913.31(A)(2), a fourth-degree felony, one count of money laundering, in violation of R.C. 1315.55(A)(2), a third-degree felony, and one count of casino gaming offense, in violation of R.C. 3772.99(E)(7), a fifth-degree felony, in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. Burns subsequently pled guilty to one count of tampering with records, in violation of R.C. 2913.42(A)(1), a fourth-degree felony, and one count of casino gaming offense, in violation of R.C. 3772.99(E)(7), a fifth-degree felony, and for the reasons more fully alleged and found in the Commission's Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Revocation Notice") and Order Revoking Casino Gaming Employee License ("Revocation Order") that were issued to Burns, respectively, the Commission revoked her casino gaming employee license (License # CGE.4332) on March 19, 2014.

Based on Burns' conduct, her presence within a casino facility calls into question the honesty and integrity of the casino facility's operations and the orderly conduct of the casino gaming operations, as provided for under R.C. 3772.03(G)(3), poses a threat to the interests of the state, to achieving the intents and purposes of R.C. Chapter 3772, and to the strict and effective regulation of casino gaming, as provided for under R.C. 3772.031(B)(1), (3), and (4). Therefore, the Commission issued Burns a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for Placement on the Involuntary Exclusion List ("Involuntary Exclusion Notice"), dated July 16, 2014. (Exhibit A). Burns received the Involuntary Exclusion Notice, sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, on July 18, 2014. (Exhibit B). Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.031, Burns had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of receiving the Notice. Burns failed to do so, however. Accordingly, no hearing was held and the matter was brought before the Commission on September 17, 2014, for final adjudication. R.C. 119.07 and 3772.031(D).

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission FINDS and CONCLUDES that Burns qualifies for placement on the Commission's Involuntary Exclusion list because:

- 1) Her presence within a casino facility calls into question the honesty and integrity of the casino facility's operations and/or the orderly conduct of the casino gaming operations, as provided for under R.C. 3772.03(G)(3), and/or poses a threat to the interests of the state, to achieving the intents and purposes of R.C. Chapter 3772, and/or to the strict and effective regulation of casino gaming, as provided for under R.C. 3772.031(B)(4) because, as alleged and found more fully in the Revocation Notice, dated January 30, 2014, delivered via certified mail on February 1, 2014, and in Revocation Order, entered on its Journal on March 19, 2014, and delivered via certified mail on March 21, 2014, respectively, she issued \$48,205.00 of free slot play to several individuals, without the authority to do so, during her employment at Horseshoe, which caused Horseshoe to pay a total of \$35,352.90 in winnings and resulted in a total combined loss of \$83,557.90.
- 2) Her presence within a casino facility calls into question the honesty and integrity of the facility's operations and the orderly conduct of the casino gaming operations, as provided for under R.C. 3772.03(G)(3), and poses a threat to the interests of the state, to achieving the intents and purposes of R.C. Chapter 3772, and to the strict and effective regulation of casino gaming, as provided for under R.C. 3772.031(B)(1), (4), and (8) because:
  - A) On December 19, 2013, she was indicted in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas for one count of theft, in violation of R.C. 2913.02(A), a fourth-degree felony, one count tampering with records, in violation of R.C. 2913.42(A)(1), a fourth-degree felony, one count of forgery, in violation of R.C. 2913.31(A)(2), a fourth-degree felony, one count of money laundering, in violation of R.C. 1315.55(A)(2), a third-degree felony, and one count of casino gaming offense, in violation of R.C. 3772.99(E)(7), a fifth-degree felony, and on April 24, 2014, pled guilty or no contest to one count of tampering with records, in violation of R.C. 2913.42(A)(1), a fourth-degree felony, and one count of casino gaming offense, in violation of R.C. 3772.99(E)(7), a fifth-degree felony, which is a disqualifying offense under R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10(C)(1);
  - B) As a result of this plea, she is no longer eligible or otherwise suitable to hold a license issued under R.C. Chapter 3772; and
  - C) For the reasons more fully alleged and found in the Revocation Notice and Revocation Order, respectively, on March 19, 2014, the Commission revoked her casino gaming employee license (License # CGE.4332).

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

1) Burns shall be **PLACED** on the Commission's Involuntary Exclusion List and is **PROHIBITED** from entering any casino facility in this state.

2) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Burns, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and her counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Jo Ang 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.