

ORDER 2018-63
AN ORDER OF THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION
REGARDING AMERISTAR EAST CHICAGO, LLC'S REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY
MOVE CERTAIN TABLE GAMES INLAND FROM ITS DOCKED RIVERBOAT CASINO
PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE § 4-33-6-24

House Enrolled Act 1540, which went into effect on July 1, 2015, contains a provision that allows casino owner's licensees to submit a plan to the Commission to allow docked riverboat casinos to relocate inland.

In order to relocate inland, a casino owner's licensee must satisfy a number of conditions. First, the casino must be located on property that the casino owner's licensee owned or leased and used in the conduct of gaming operations on February 1, 2015. Second, the new inland casino must be located on property adjacent to the riverboat dock site. Third, the casino must comply with all building codes and safety requirements imposed by the Commission. Fourth, the Commission must approve relocation. Ind. Code § 4-33-6-24(b). Finally, the number of gambling games to be offered at the inland casino cannot exceed the greatest number of gambling games the casino owner's licensee offered at the docked riverboat casino since January 1, 2007. Ind. Code § 4-33-6-24(e).

On March 29, 2018, Ameristar East Chicago, LLC ("Ameristar") submitted its request to temporarily relocate certain gaming operations inland to accommodate the renovation of the third level of the vessel, Winstar. The renovation project is currently scheduled to begin on July 16, 2018 and is expected to last approximately three weeks. The inland casino will be located adjacent to the riverboat dock site on land that Ameristar has owned and used to conduct gambling operations since February 1, 2015.

COMMISSION ACTION

The Commission hereby **APPROVES** the request submitted by Ameristar to temporarily relocate certain gaming operations from its docked riverboat casino to an inland facility.

The Commission's approval of request is conditioned upon Ameristar: (1) meeting all conditions contained in Ind. Code § 4-33-6-24(b); (2) meeting the condition contained in Ind. Code § 4-33-6-24(e); (3) meeting any other requirement imposed by the Commission pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-33-6-24(d); and (4) receiving plan approval, which approval authority the Commission delegates to the Executive Director.

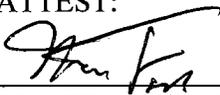
IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 24th DAY OF APRIL, 2018

THE INDIANA GAMING COMMISSION:



Michael McMains, Chair

ATTEST:



Marc Fine, Vice Chair