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Guidance Regarding Video Gaming Renewal Fees During the Video Gaming Suspension Period

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The Illinois Gaming Board (the “Gaming Board”) is issuing this guidance to Video Gaming Licensees regarding payment of license renewal fees during the Statewide Video Gaming Suspension Period in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic (the “Suspension Period”).

Prior to the Suspension Period, renewal fees for April licensees were due on or before March 31, 2020. Video Gaming Rule 570 provides that a license expires unless the renewal fee is paid prior to the license expiration date. In recognition of the hardships caused by this unprecedented public health crisis, the Gaming Board has extended the March 31, 2020 renewal fee payment deadline. Renewal fees are now due ten business days after the Gaming Board resumes statewide video gaming operations.

Additionally, and to further alleviate the burdens caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, the Gaming Board also suspended billing through at least April 30, 2020. During the Suspension Period, the Gaming Board will not initiate any enforcement actions or assess any penalties for unpaid license fees that came due during this period.

Please note that payments may still be made online by using the Illinois ePay button at the bottom of the Gaming Board’s website (www.igb.illinois.gov). The Gaming Board encourages all licensees that are able to make payments during the Suspension Period to do so. Such payment will help lessen administrative backlogs and reduce delays once video gaming operations resume.

If you have any billing or payment related questions, please contact the Gaming Board’s Revenue Accounting Unit at IGB-RAU@igb.illinois.gov.

The Gaming Board is monitoring developments regarding COVID-19 and will continue to make decisions based on science, public health guidance, and applicable law and rules. We will also continue to update licensees and other stakeholders as warranted.