

Internet Gambling Illegal on Liquor Licensed Premises

1999 PA 235; MCL 750.145d was enacted to make it absolutely clear that it is a violation of Michigan criminal law to use a computer, computer network, computer program or computer system to commit or solicit another person to commit illegal gambling, as defined in the Michigan penal code and by the Michigan Gaming Control Act. This Act is violated if the communications originates or terminates in this state. Violation of this Act is a felony punishable by as much as 5 years in prison and/or a fine of \$5,000.

Liquor licensees additionally are prohibited from engaging in illegal gambling by Commission Rule 436.1013. If illegal gambling is conducted on the licensed premises and/or by the licensee, the licensee would also be responsible for violating Commission Rule 436.1011.

All illegal gambling machines or devices are considered contraband and will be seized and destroyed. The proceeds of such gambling will be forfeited to the state.