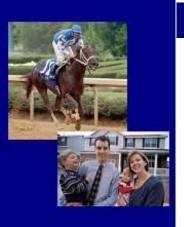
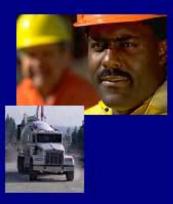




## State Laws Applicable to the Gaming Board











#### **Adverse Interest Act**

- Gaming Control Board subject to act under Section 1201 (L) of the Gaming Act.
- Prohibits state employees from having an adverse interest in contracts with the state agency with which they are employed.



#### **Adverse Interest Act**

- Adverse interest = a personal interest.
- Violations result in fines, penalties, forfeiture of employment.



## **Lobbying Disclosure Act**

- Lobbyists who provide items of value that meet certain threshold amounts must disclose this on quarterly expense filings.
- Board members must disclose aggregate gifts of \$250 or more and reimbursements exceeding \$650 per single occurrence on Statements of Financial Interest.



## Right-to-Know Law

- Applies to Board under Section 1206(A) of Gaming Act.
- Defines what records are public records and sets forth procedure for access.
- Provides residents of PA access to document based records statutorily defined as public records.



## Right-to-Know Law

#### **Public Records:**

- Account, voucher, contract = fiscal aspects of government.
- Minute, order, decision = government actions impacting a person or group of people.



## Right-to-Know Act

- Specifically exempts certain types of documents (i.e. investigatory, harmful to reputation or personal security, etc.).
- Sets forth specific timeframes and process for response to requests and appeals of denials.
- Board may designate a Right-to-Know official.



#### **Procurement Code**

- As an independent agency, Board is subject to Procurement Code.
- Governs the procurement of goods and services.
- Department of General Services will act as purchasing agent for the Board.



#### **Ethics Act**

- Applies to board members who are "public officials" under the Act.
- Restricts conduct:
  - Cannot engage in conduct constituting conflict of interest
  - Cannot seek improper influence
  - Cannot accept improper influence



#### **Ethics Act**

- Restricted Activity (con't.):
  - Cannot provide representation on matters before government body with which you are associated for one year after leaving employment
- Required to file Statement of Financial Interest
  - By May 1<sup>st</sup> for preceding calendar year



#### **Ethics Act**

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## Open Meetings Act "Sunshine Act"

- Board subject to Act under Section 1206 of Gaming Act.
- Official action or deliberations by a quorum of members of an agency must take place at a public meeting.
- Public notice of meetings required.

#### **Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board**



## Open Meeting Act "Sunshine Act"

- Written minutes must be kept.
- Exceptions to open meetings:
  - Executive session
    - Personnel matters
    - Labor relations
    - Purchase or lease of property
    - Consultation with professional advisor
    - Privileged, confidential, investigatory and quasi-judicial matters
  - Conferences



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