

AN ACT

RELATING TO GAMING; AMENDING THE GAMING CONTROL ACT TO  
PROVIDE FOR GAMING MACHINES THAT ACCEPT CURRENCY; DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 60-2E-44 NMSA 1978 (being Laws  
1997, Chapter 190, Section 46) is amended to read:

"60-2E-44. MACHINE SPECIFICATIONS. --To be eligible for  
licensure, each gaming machine shall meet all specifications  
established by regulations of the board and:

- A. be unable to be manipulated in a manner that  
affects the random probability of winning plays or in any  
other manner determined by the board to be undesirable;
- B. have at least one mechanism that accepts coins  
or currency;
- C. be capable of having play suspended through  
the central system by the executive director until he resets  
the gaming machine;
- D. house nonresettable mechanical and electronic  
meters within a readily accessible locked area of the gaming  
machine that maintain a permanent record of all money  
inserted into the machine, all cash payouts of winnings, all  
refunds of winnings, all credits played for additional games  
and all credits won by players;
- E. be capable of printing out, at the request of

the executive director, readings on the electronic meters of the machine;

F. for machines that do not dispense coins or tokens directly to players, be capable of printing a ticket voucher stating the value of a cash prize won by the player at the completion of each game, the date and time of day the game was played in a twenty-four-hour format showing hours and minutes, the machine serial number, the sequential number of the ticket voucher and an encrypted validation number for determining the validity of a winning ticket voucher;

G. be capable of being linked to the board's central system for the purpose of being monitored continuously as required by the board;

H. provide for a payback value for each credit wagered, determined over time, of not less than eighty percent or more than ninety-six percent;

I. meet the standards and specifications set by laws or regulations of the states of Nevada and New Jersey for gaming machines, whichever are more stringent;

J. offer only games authorized and examined by the board; and

K. display the gaming machine license issued for that machine in an easily accessible place, before and during the time that a machine is available for use. "

Section 2. EMERGENCY. --It is necessary for the public

peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
immediately. \_\_\_\_\_