

**STATE OF OHIO  
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

<i>In re:</i>	:	
	:	Case No. 2017-LIC-019
<b>LeAndre Taylor</b>	:	
<b>CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE</b>	:	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	:	
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Applicant.	:	

**ORDER DENYING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATION**

On September 1, 2016, LeAndre Taylor filed with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) an application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Taylor to determine his eligibility for such a license.

A casino gaming employee license applicant is eligible for licensure upon meeting the following criteria: (1) being at least 21 years of age, R.C. 3772.131(C); (2) filing a true and complete Casino Gaming Employee License Application (“Application”), R.C. 3772.131(D) and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-02(A); (3) submitting two sets of the applicant’s fingerprints and a photograph, R.C. 3772.131(E); (4) paying the nonrefundable application fee, R.C. 3772.131(E) and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-03, and all fees necessary to cover the cost of the background investigation in excess of the application fee, Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-03(B); (5) reimbursing the costs for the background check, including the criminal records check, R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.131(E); (6) not having been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a disqualifying offense, R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.10(C)(1); and (7) being otherwise suitable for licensure, R.C. 3772.10(B) and (C)(7).

During a suitability investigation of Taylor, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated March 16, 2017. (Exhibit A.) The Notice was sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, but was returned to the Commission marked “Unclaimed” on April 14, 2017. (Exhibit B.) The Commission re-sent the Notice on April 20, 2017, via ordinary mail with a certificate of mailing. (Exhibit C.) The Notice was not returned to the Commission for failure of delivery.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Taylor had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Taylor failed to do so. Accordingly, no hearing was held, and the matter was brought before the Commission on June 21, 2017, for final adjudication. R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04(A).

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **FINDS** and **CONCLUDES** as follows:

- 1) Taylor submitted a casino gaming employee license application that contained false information or failed to set forth all of the information required by the Commission, in violation of R.C. 3772.10, R.C. 3772.131, Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-02, and 3772-8-05, including:
  - A) Taylor was arrested for or charged with Assault, Robbery, and two counts of Weapons Offense, on October 24, 2005, in Flint, Michigan;
  - B) Taylor was arrested for or charged with Driving on Suspended License, on December 13, 2010, in Lake County, Illinois;
  - C) Taylor was arrested for or charged with Driving on Suspended License, on September 10, 2012, in Lake County, Illinois;
  - D) Taylor was arrested for or charged with Driving on Suspended License, on October 13, 2012, in Lake County, Illinois;
  - E) Answering “NO” to Question 16 when he should have answered “YES”;
    - i. Taylor had a civil complaint and resulting December 16, 2013 lien or judgment filed against him in the Lake County Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court; and
  - F) Answering “NO” to Question 18 when he should have answered “YES”;
    - i. Taylor had a May 11, 2015 Wage Deduction Order filed against him in the Lake County Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court.
- 2) Taylor failed to notify the Commission of information impacting his suitability to obtain or maintain a casino gaming employee license, in violation of R.C. 3772.10 and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-04, including:
  - A) Taylor had a civil complaint and resulting December 16, 2013 lien or judgment filed against him in the Lake County Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court;
  - B) Taylor had a May 11, 2015 Wage Deduction Order filed against him in the Lake County Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court; and
  - C) Taylor was arrested for or charged with Burglary, Domestic Violence, Endangering Children, and Criminal Damaging or Endangering, and he was convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, Criminal Damaging or Endangering, on August 2, 2016, in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

- 3) Taylor is not suitable or otherwise eligible to be granted or to maintain a casino gaming employee license, as required by R.C. 3772.10 and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-05, based on the above allegations, including the underlying conduct, and the following:
  - A) Taylor was arrested for or charged with Unlawful Possession of Cannabis, Resisting a Peace Officer, Obstructing Justice, and Unlawful Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor, on May 29, 2009 in Lake County, Illinois;
  - B) Taylor was arrested for or charged with Criminal Trespass to a Residence and Residential Burglary, and he was convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, Criminal Trespass to a Residence, on December 5, 2012, in the Lake County Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court; and
  - C) Taylor was arrested for or charged with Driving Under a Suspended License in 2013 in Ohio.
- 4) Based on the above allegations, Taylor has failed to establish, by clear and convincing evidence, his suitability for licensure as a casino gaming employee, as required by R.C. 3772.10 and Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-05.

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1) Taylor's Application is **DENIED**.
- 2) Taylor is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 3) Taylor is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date the Order is served upon him, absent a waiver granted by the Commission commensurate with Ohio Adm. Code 3772-1-04.
- 4) A certified copy of the Order shall be served upon Taylor, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and his counsel of record, if any, via ordinary mail.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



June E. Taylor, Chair  
Ohio Casino Control Commission

**NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

The Party is hereby notified that pursuant to R.C. 119.12, the Commission Order may be appealed by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Commission setting forth the Order that the Party is appealing from and stating that the Commission's Order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. The Notice of Appeal may also include, but is not required to include, the specific grounds for the appeal. The Notice of Appeal must also be filed with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with R.C. 119.12. In filing the Notice of Appeal with the Commission or court, the notice that is filed may be either the original Notice of Appeal or a copy thereof. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 15 days after the date of mailing of the Commission Order.