

**STATE OF OHIO  
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION**

*In re:* :  
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 : Case No. 2018-LIC-013  
**Gregory Pridgen,** :  
**CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSEE** :  
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 Licensee. :

**ORDER REVOKING CASINO GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSE**

On September 15, 2015, Gregory Pridgen filed a Casino Gaming Employee License Renewal Application with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”). Thereafter, the Commission conducted a suitability investigation of Pridgen to determine his eligibility for a Casino Gaming Employee License (“License”). Having found him suitable for licensure, Pridgen’s License was renewed by the Commission, effective November 9, 2015.

During an administrative investigation of Pridgen, the Commission discovered sufficient derogatory information to warrant issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (“Notice”), dated July 11, 2018. The Notice was sent via certified mail, but was returned to the Commission marked “unclaimed,” on July 31, 2018. The Notice was re-sent, via ordinary mail with certificate of mailing, on August 2, 2018. The Notice was not returned to the Commission for failure of delivery.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, Pridgen had the right to a hearing if requested within 30 days of the Notice’s mailing. Pridgen so requested, and the Commission scheduled a hearing for September 13, 2018; and upon its own motion, the Commission continued the hearing until October 23, 2018. The Commission held the hearing, at which Pridgen appeared, as scheduled before Hearing Examiner Andrew Cooke (“Examiner”).

After presentation and submission of the evidence at the hearing, the Examiner closed the hearing record. The Examiner prepared a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”), which he submitted on November 30, 2018. Therein, the Examiner recommended that the Commission revoke Pridgen’s License.

On December 4, 2018, the Commission sent Pridgen, via certified mail, a copy of the R&R, which he received no later than December 10, 2018. Therefore, Pridgen had until January 9, 2019, to file objections. *See* R.C. 3772.04(A)(2). Pridgen did not do so.

In accordance with R.C. 119.07 and 3772.04, the matter was submitted to the Commission on February 20, 2019, for final adjudication.

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and upon a quorum and majority vote of the members, the Commission **ADOPTS** the Examiner’s R&R without modification.

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

- 1) Pridgen's License is **REVOKED**.
- 2) Pridgen shall immediately **SURRENDER** his license credential to the Commission.
- 3) Pridgen is **PROHIBITED** from working or otherwise serving in any capacity that requires a license under R.C. Chapter 3772.
- 4) Pridgen is **PROHIBITED** from reapplying for licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 for three years from the date this Order is served upon him, absent a waiver granted by the Commission commensurate with Ohio Adm.Code 3772-1-04.
- 5) A certified copy of this Order shall be served upon Pridgen, 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 this Commission Order.