**16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**633 GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD**

**Chapter 19: SLOT MACHINE TESTING AND CERTIFICATION**

**§1.** A Slot Machine Distributor shall not distribute a slot machine for placement in the state of Maine unless the slot machine has been approved by the Board. Only a licensed Slot Machine Distributor may apply for approval of a slot machine. Board approval requires documented evidence of Board approved independent testing laboratory certification for the machines being installed. The Slot Machine Distributor shall pay all costs of testing, examination, analysis and transportation of such slot machine models, which may include the entire dismantling of the slot machine and tests.

**§2.** Testing by the Board-approved independent testing laboratory must be performed to determine that all slot machines for use in Maine comply with Board laws and rules, including but not limited to Board Rule Chapter 20 and Appendix A to Chapter 5 of the Board’s Rules.

**§3.** After the tests have been completed, the independent testing laboratory shall provide certification of the slot machine’s compliance with Board laws and rules by providing to the Board a report that contains the laboratory’s findings, conclusions, and pass/fail results. Prior to approving a particular slot machine model, the Board may require a trial period not in excess of sixty (60) days for a Slot Machine or Casino Operator to test the slot machine. During the trial period, the Slot Machine Distributor may not make any modifications to the slot machine model unless such modifications are approved by the Board.

**§4.** The introduction of new games or any change to an existing slot machine game by the Slot Machine Distributor will require the distributor to submit materials required by the independent testing laboratory for testing and certification of the new game. The resulting laboratory certification will be sent to the Board and the Slot Machine or Casino Operator verifying the acceptance of the new or revised game. No new or revised game will be placed into operation without the Director accepting the independent laboratory’s certification and authorizing the use of the slot machine based on that certificate.

**§5.** Each slot machine and slot machine game approved for placement in a slot machine or casino facility shall conform to the exact specifications of the slot machine prototype or slot machine game tested by the independent testing laboratory and approved by the Board. Each slot machine shall at all times be located and operate in a manner pursuant to 8 M.R.S.A. Chapter 31 and these rules.

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