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Colorado casinos are reminded of legislative changes that go into effect on October 1, 1996.

Colorado Revised Statutes, section 12-47.1-809, has been amended to prevent minors under the age of 21 from lingering in the gaming area. The new statute reads:

- (1) (a) It is unlawful for any person under twenty-one years of age to:
 - (I) Linger in the gaming area of a casino;
 - (II) Sit on a chair or be present at a gaming table, slot machine, or other area in which gaming is conducted; or
 - (III) Participate, play, be allowed to play, place wagers, or collect winnings, whether personally or through an agent, in or from any limited gaming game or slot machines.
- (b) Subparagraphs (I) and (II) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) shall not apply to a person employed by the casino in which the person is present.
- (c) Nothing in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) shall prevent any person under twenty-one years of age from passing through a casino to nongaming areas.

- (3) (a) It is unlawful for any licensee to permit any person who is less than twenty-one years of age to:
 - (I) Linger in the gaming area of a casino;
 - (II) Sit on a chair or be present at a gaming table, slot machine, or other area in which gaming is conducted; or
 - (III) Participate, play, place wagers, or collect winnings, whether personally or through an agent, in or from any limited gaming game or slot machine.
- (b) Subparagraphs (I) and (II) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3) shall not apply to a person employed by the casino in which the person is present.
- (c) Nothing in paragraph (a) of this subsection (3) shall prevent any person under twenty-one years of age from passing through a casino to nongaming areas.

An amendment to C.R.S. 12-47.1-818 prohibits the employment of skills:

- 12-47.1-818. Approval of rules for certain games.** (1) Specific rules for blackjack and poker shall be approved by the commission and clearly posted within plain view of any applicable card table.
- (2) No licensee shall offer poker or any variation game thereof without prior approval of the game by the commission.
- (3) No licensee shall employ skills.

An amendment to C.R.S. 12-47.1-804 clarifies the definition of law enforcement officials who are prohibited from having an interest in limited gaming:

12-47.1-804. Persons prohibited from interest in limited gaming. (1) None of the following persons shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any license involved in or with limited gaming:

(a) Officers, reserve police officers, agents, or employees of any law enforcement agency of the state of Colorado with the authority to investigate or prosecute crime in Teller or Gilpin counties or of any local law enforcement agency or detention or correctional facility within Teller or Gilpin counties;

(2) No licensee may employ any person in any capacity while that person is in the employment of the commission or is in the employment of, or has a reserve police officer position with, a law enforcement agency of the state of Colorado with the authority to investigate or prosecute crime in Teller or Gilpin counties, any local law enforcement agency or detention or correctional facility within Teller or Gilpin counties, or any other county that may later be an authorized gaming location under section 12-47.1-105.