

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1955

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act;  
7 amending 3A O.S. 2021, Sections 200.1, 204, and 281,  
8 which relate to definitions, powers and duties of the  
9 Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, and provisions of  
10 the Model Tribal Gaming Compact; defining terms;  
11 requiring Commission to promulgate rules; requiring  
12 certain provider to obtain a certain license;  
13 updating statutory language; updating statutory  
14 references; providing for codification; and providing  
15 an effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2021, Section 200.1, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 200.1. A. As used in the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act:

20 1. "Advance deposit account wagering" means a form of pari-  
21 mutuel system of wagering in which an individual has established an  
22 account with an entity licensed by the Oklahoma Horse Racing  
23 Commission;

24 2. "Advance deposit account wagering license" means a license  
25 issued by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission to conduct advance  
26 deposit account wagering and to accept deposits and wagers, issue a  
27 receipt or other confirmation to the account holder evidencing such

1    deposits and wagers, and transfer credits and debits to and from  
2    accounts;

3    3. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission;

4    2. 4. "Enclosure" means all buildings, structures, and grounds  
5 utilized for the conduct of a race meeting ~~and/or or~~ gaming at the  
6 race track and any additional areas designated by the Oklahoma Horse  
7 Racing Commission;

8    3. 5. "Family" means husband, wife, and any dependent children;

9    4. 6. "Financial interest" means an interest that could result  
10 in directly or indirectly receiving a pecuniary gain or sustaining a  
11 pecuniary loss as a result of ownership or interest in a business  
12 entity, or as a result of salary, gratuity, or other compensation or  
13 remuneration from any person;

14    5. 7. "Horse racing" means any type of horse racing, including,  
15 but not limited to, Arabian, Appaloosa, Paint, Pinto, Quarter Horse,  
16 and Thoroughbred horse racing.

17       a. "Arabian horse racing" means the form of horse racing  
18            in which each participating horse is an Arabian horse  
19            registered with the Arabian Horse Club Registry of  
20            America and approved by the Arabian Horse Racing  
21            Association of America or any successor organization,  
22            mounted by a jockey, and engaged in races on the flat  
23            over a distance of not less than one-quarter (1/4)  
24            mile or more than four (4) miles.

- b. "Appaloosa horse racing" means the form of horse racing in which each participating horse is an Appaloosa horse registered with the Appaloosa Horse Club or any successor organization and mounted by a jockey.
  - c. "Quarter Horse racing" means the form of horse racing where in which each participating horse is a Quarter Horse registered with the American Quarter Horse Association or any successor organization, mounted by a jockey, and engaged in a race on the flat.
  - d. "Paint horse racing" means the form of horse racing in which each participating horse is a Paint horse registered with the American Paint Horse Association or any successor organization and mounted by a jockey.
  - e. "Pinto horse racing" means the form of horse racing in which each participating horse is a Pinto horse registered with the Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. or any successor organization and mounted by a jockey.
  - f. "Thoroughbred horse racing" means the form of horse racing in which each participating horse is a Thoroughbred horse registered with the Jockey Club or any successor organization, mounted by a jockey, and engaged in races on the flat.

1       "Horse racing" Horse racing shall not mean the racing of a cloned  
2       horse or offspring of a cloned horse regardless of whether any breed  
3       association has registered the horse;

4       6. 8. "Minor" means any individual under eighteen (18) years of  
5       age;

6       7. 9. "Minus pool" means a pari-mutuel pool in which, after  
7       deducting the take-out, not enough money remains in the pool to pay  
8       the legally prescribed minimum return to those placing winning  
9       wagers, and in which the organization licensee would be required to  
10      pay the remaining amount due;

11      8. 10. "Occupation licensee" means any person who has obtained  
12      an occupation license;

13      9. 11. "Organization licensee" means any person receiving an  
14      organization license;

15      10. 12. "Pari-mutuel system of wagering" means a form of  
16      wagering on the outcome of horse races in which those who wager  
17      purchase wagers of various denominations on a horse or horses and  
18      all wagers for each race are pooled and held by the organization  
19      licensee for distribution. The pari-mutuel system of wagering uses  
20      an electric totalizator or similar equipment which automatically  
21      registers the wagers made on each horse;

22      11. 13. "Pari-mutuel pool" means the total money wagered by  
23      individuals on any horse or horses in a particular horse race to  
24      win, place, or show and held by the organization licensee pursuant

1 to the pari-mutuel system of wagering. There is a separate pari-  
2 mutuel pool for win, for place, for show, and for each multiple  
3 combination of betting approved by the Oklahoma Horse Racing  
4 Commission;

5 12. 14. "Person" means any individual, partnership,  
6 corporation, or other association or entity; and

7 13. 15. "Race meeting" means the entire period of time not to  
8 exceed twenty (20) calendar days separating any race days for which  
9 an organization license has been granted to a person by the  
10 Commission to hold horse races at which the pari-mutuel system of  
11 wagering is conducted, to hold non-pari-mutuel horse races or to  
12 conduct accredited work or training races.

13 B. The Commission may define by rule or regulation any term  
14 which is not defined in the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2021, Section 204, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 204. A. The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission shall:

18 1. Have supervision of:

19 a. all race meetings held in this state; provided, for  
20 non-pari-mutuel race meetings and training races held  
21 at non-pari-mutuel tracks, jurisdiction of the  
22 Commission shall be limited to a period of time  
23 beginning twelve (12) hours before the commencement of

the first race on a race day and ending four (4) hours after the finish of the last race on a race day,

b. all occupation and organization licensees in this state, and

c. all persons on the property of an organization licensee; provided, for non-pari-mutuel race meetings and training races held at non-pari-mutuel tracks, supervision of such persons shall be limited to the period set out in subparagraph a of this paragraph;

2. Have the authority to promulgate rules for the purpose of

administering the provisions of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act;

3. Administer and enforce the provisions of the Oklahoma Horseracing Act and the rules of the Commission;

4. Adjudicate controversies arising from the enforcement of the provisions of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act and the rules of the Commission;

5. Allocate racing days ~~of~~ not to exceed six (6) days per calendar week, dates, and hours ~~which~~ that are in the best interests of the people of this state to organization licensees;

6. Promulgate rules for the granting or refusing and the suspension or revoking of licenses;

7. Promulgate rules for the holding, conducting, and operating of all race meetings held in this state; provided, the rules of the American Quarter Horse Association for regulation of the holding,

1      conducting, and operating of non-pari-mutuel race meetings and  
2      training races held at non-pari-mutuel tracks shall serve as the  
3      rules for the holding, conducting, and operating of non-pari-mutuel  
4      race meetings and training races held at non-pari-mutuel tracks,  
5      except that appeals from decisions of the stewards shall be to the  
6      Commission, until such time as the Commission has promulgated  
7      substantially similar rules for regulation of the holding,  
8      conducting, and operating of non-pari-mutuel race meetings and  
9      training races held at non-pari-mutuel tracks;

10        8. Promulgate rules to establish the terms and requirements for  
11        obtaining and maintaining an advance deposit account wagering  
12        license;

13        9. Have supervision and control of the pari-mutuel machines and  
14        all other equipment at all race meetings held in this state;

15        9. 10. Check the making of pari-mutuel pools and the  
16        distribution of such pools and shall:

17            a. contract with the Office of the State Auditor and  
18            Inspector to conduct an annual audit and inspection of  
19            live race meets in this state, and

20            b. reimburse the Office of the State Auditor and  
21            Inspector for the cost of these services;

22        10. 11. Promulgate rules governing:

23            a. bids on leases,

- b. the rate charged by an organization licensee for admission to races, and
  - c. the rate charged for the performance of any service or for the sale of any article on the premises of an organization licensee;

11. 12. Approve all contracts and agreements for the payment of money and all salaries, fees, and compensations by any organization licensee;

12. 13. Have the authority to exclude, or compel the exclusion, from any race meeting:

- a. any person who violates the provisions of any rule or order of the Commission or any law of this state, any other state, or the United States,
  - b. any person who has been previously convicted of violating any law of this state, any other state, the United States, or
  - c. any other person, licensed or unlicensed, whose conduct or reputation is such that his or her presence at the race meeting may, in the opinion of the Commission, reflect on the honesty and integrity of horse racing or interfere with the orderly conduct of the race meeting. No person shall be excluded or ejected from a race meeting solely on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or ancestry;

1        13. 14. Have investigatory powers and authority to place  
2 attendants and such other persons as may be deemed necessary by the  
3 Commission in the offices, on the tracks, or in places of business  
4 of any organization licensee for the purpose of determining whether  
5 an organization or occupation licensee is complying with the  
6 provisions of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act and the rules of the  
7 Commission;

8        14. 15. Have authority to acquire or contract with, or  
9 establish, maintain, and operate testing laboratories and related  
10 facilities for the purpose of conducting:

11            a. human substance abuse testing on occupation licensees  
12                    who may affect the outcome of race results. Human  
13                    substance abuse tests and the laboratories performing  
14                    such tests must meet the nationally recognized  
15                    standards specified in the Mandatory Guidelines for  
16                    Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs adopted by the  
17                    United States Department of Health and Human Services.  
18                    The Commission may require any occupation licensee to  
19                    submit to a human substance abuse test if the  
20                    Commission has probable cause to believe that such  
21                    licensee is possessing or using any controlled  
22                    dangerous substance or any other drug in violation of  
23                    any federal or state law. Provided, on and after July  
24                    1, 1994, such testing shall be in compliance with the

provisions of the Standards for Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Act, and

b. a saliva test, a blood test, a urine test, or other tests or combinations of tests on the horses run or to be run in any race meeting. Prior to the Commission entering into any contract pursuant to this paragraph, the Attorney General shall review and approve the contract. Any contract entered into pursuant to this paragraph shall contain the specifications that were in the request for bid for the contract;

15. 16. Approve of all proposed construction on property owned or leased by an organization licensee;

16. 17. Have authority to require that all financial, employment, or other records of an organization licensee shall be kept in such manner as prescribed by the Commission and shall be subject to inspection by the Commission. The organization licensee shall submit to the Commission an annual balance sheet, profit-and-loss statement, and any other information the Commission deems necessary in order to administer the provisions of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act;

17. 18. Have the authority to suspend or revoke a license or impose fines in amounts not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) against individuals for each violation and in amounts not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) against

1 organization licensees for each violation of any provision of the  
2 Oklahoma Horse Racing Act, any rules adopted by the Commission, or  
3 any order of the Commission, or for any other action which, in the  
4 discretion of the Commission, is a detriment or impediment to horse  
5 racing or both such suspension or revocation and fine. Each day  
6 upon which such violation or other action by the organization  
7 licensee occurs shall constitute a separate offense;

8 ~~18.~~ 19. Have authority to suspend a horse from participating in  
9 races if the horse has been involved in any violation of the rules  
10 promulgated by the Commission or the provisions of the Oklahoma  
11 Horse Racing Act; and

12 ~~19.~~ 20. Prepare and electronically submit an annual report to  
13 the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
14 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The report shall include an  
15 account of the operations, actions, and orders of the Commission,  
16 and an accounting of all revenue received by the Commission.

17 B. 1. The Commission may delegate to stewards or the Executive  
18 Director of the Commission, those of its powers and duties as it  
19 deems necessary to fully implement and effectuate the purposes of  
20 the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act.

21 2. The Commission, upon appeal or due consideration, may  
22 overrule any decision of a steward except decisions regarding  
23 disqualifications for interference during the running of a race if a  
24 preponderance of evidence indicates:

- 1                   a. the stewards mistakenly interpreted the law,  
2                   b. new evidence of a convincing nature is produced, or  
3                   c. the best interests of racing and the state may be  
4                   better served.

5               3. Any decision pertaining to the finish of a race, as used for  
6               purposes of pari-mutuel pool distribution to winning ticket holders,  
7               may not be overruled. Any decision pertaining to the distribution  
8               of purses may be changed only if a claim is made in writing to the  
9               Commission by one of the involved owners or trainers, and a  
10              preponderance of evidence clearly indicates to the Commission that  
11              one or more of the grounds for protest, as provided for in the rules  
12              prepared by the Commission, has been substantiated.

13              SECTION 3.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified  
14              in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 205.9 of Title 3A, unless there  
15              is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16              Any advanced deposit account wagering provider that accepts  
17              funds from an Internet Protocol (IP) address within this state  
18              pursuant to 15 U.S.C., Section 3001 et seq., shall obtain an advance  
19              deposit account wagering license from the Oklahoma Horse Racing  
20              Commission.

21              SECTION 4.        AMENDATORY        3A O.S. 2021, Section 281, is  
22              amended to read as follows:

23              Section 281. This section sets forth the provisions of the  
24              Model Tribal Gaming Compact.

1 MODEL TRIBAL GAMING COMPACT

2 Between the [Name of Tribe]

3 and the STATE OF OKLAHOMA

4 This Compact is made and entered into by and between the [Name  
5 of Tribe], a federally recognized Indian tribe ("tribe"), and the  
6 State of Oklahoma ("state"), with respect to the operation of  
7 covered games (as defined herein) on the tribe's Indian lands as  
8 defined by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C., Section  
9 2703(4).

10 Part 1. TITLE

11 This document shall be referred to as the "[Name of Tribe] and  
12 State of Oklahoma Gaming Compact".

13 Part 2. RECITALS

14 1. The tribe is a federally recognized tribal government  
15 possessing sovereign powers and rights of self-government.

16 2. The State of Oklahoma is a state of the United States of  
17 America possessing the sovereign powers and rights of a state.

18 3. The state and the tribe maintain a government-to-government  
19 relationship, and this Compact will help to foster mutual respect  
20 and understanding among Indians and non-Indians.

21 4. The United States Supreme Court has long recognized the  
22 right of an Indian tribe to regulate activity on lands within its  
23 jurisdiction.

1       5. The tribe desires to offer the play of covered games, as  
2 defined in paragraphs 5, 10, 11 and 12 of Part 3 of this Compact, as  
3 a means of generating revenues for purposes authorized by the Indian  
4 Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C., Section 2701, et seq., including  
5 without limitation the support of tribal governmental programs, such  
6 as health care, housing, sewer and water projects, police,  
7 corrections, fire, judicial services, highway and bridge  
8 construction, general assistance for tribal elders, day care for the  
9 children, economic development, educational opportunities and other  
10 typical and valuable governmental services and programs for tribal  
11 members.

12       6. The state recognizes that the positive effects of this  
13 Compact will extend beyond the tribe's lands to the tribe's  
14 neighbors and surrounding communities and will generally benefit all  
15 of Oklahoma. These positive effects and benefits may include not  
16 only those described in paragraph 5 of this Part, but also may  
17 include increased tourism and related economic development  
18 activities.

19       7. The tribe and the state jointly wish to protect their  
20 citizens from any criminal involvement in the gaming operations  
21 regulated under this Compact.

22           Part 3. DEFINITIONS

23           As used in this Compact:

1       1. "Adjusted gross revenues" means the total receipts received  
2 from the play of all covered games minus all prize payouts;

3       2. "Annual oversight assessment" means the assessment described  
4 in subsection B of Part 11 of this Compact;

5       3. "Central computer" means a computer to which player  
6 terminals are linked to allow competition in electronic bonanza-  
7 style bingo games;

8       4. "Compact" means this Model Tribal Gaming Compact between the  
9 state and the tribe, entered into pursuant to Section 280 of this  
10 title;

11       5. "Covered game" means the following games conducted in  
12 accordance with the standards, as applicable, set forth in Sections  
13 270 through 277 of this title: an electronic bonanza-style bingo  
14 game, an electronic amusement game, an electronic instant bingo  
15 game, nonhouse-banked card games; any other game, if the operation  
16 of such game by a tribe would require a compact and if such game has  
17 been: (i) approved by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission for use  
18 by an organizational licensee, (ii) approved by state legislation  
19 for use by any person or entity, or (iii) approved by amendment of  
20 the State-Tribal Gaming Act; and upon election by the tribe by  
21 written supplement to this Compact, any Class II game in use by the  
22 tribe, provided that no exclusivity payments shall be required for  
23 the operation of such Class II game;

1       6. "Covered game employee" means any individual employed by the  
2 enterprise or a third party providing management services to the  
3 enterprise, whose responsibilities include the rendering of services  
4 with respect to the operation, maintenance or management of covered  
5 games. The term "covered game employee" includes, but is not  
6 limited to, the following: managers and assistant managers;  
7 accounting personnel; surveillance and security personnel; cashiers,  
8 supervisors, and floor personnel; cage personnel; and any other  
9 person whose employment duties require or authorize access to areas  
10 of the facility related to the conduct of covered games or the  
11 maintenance or storage of covered game components. This shall not  
12 include upper level tribal employees or tribe's elected officials so  
13 long as such individuals are not directly involved in the operation,  
14 maintenance, or management of covered game components. The  
15 enterprise may, at its discretion, include other persons employed at  
16 or in connection with the enterprise within the definition of  
17 covered game employee;

18       7. "Documents" means books, records, electronic, magnetic and  
19 computer media documents and other writings and materials, copies  
20 thereof, and information contained therein;

21       8. "Effective date" means the date on which the last of the  
22 conditions set forth in subsection A of Part 15 of this Compact have  
23 been met;

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1       9. "Electronic accounting system" means an electronic system  
2       that provides a secure means to receive, store and access data and  
3       record critical functions and activities, as set forth in the State-  
4       Tribal Gaming Act;

5       10. "Electronic amusement game" means a game that is played in  
6       an electronic environment in which a player's performance and  
7       opportunity for success can be improved by skill that conforms to  
8       the standards set forth in the State-Tribal Gaming Act;

9       11. "Electronic bonanza-style bingo game" means a game played  
10      in an electronic environment in which some or all of the numbers or  
11      symbols are drawn or electronically determined before the electronic  
12      bingo cards for that game are sold that conforms to the standards  
13      set forth in the State-Tribal Gaming Act;

14      12. "Electronic instant bingo game" means a game played in an  
15      electronic environment in which a player wins if his or her  
16      electronic instant bingo card contains a combination of numbers or  
17      symbols that was designated in advance of the game as a winning  
18      combination. There may be multiple winning combinations in each  
19      game and multiple winning cards that conform to the standards set  
20      forth in the State-Tribal Gaming Act;

21      13. "Enterprise" means the tribe or the tribal agency or  
22      section of tribal management with direct responsibility for the  
23      conduct of covered games, the tribal business enterprise that  
24      conducts covered games, or a person, corporation or other entity

1 that has entered into a management contract with the tribe to  
2 conduct covered games, in accordance with IGRA. The names,  
3 addresses and identifying information of any covered game employees  
4 shall be forwarded to the SCA at least annually. In any event, the  
5 tribe shall have the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the  
6 tribe or enterprise fulfills the responsibilities under this  
7 Compact. For purposes of enforcement, the tribe is deemed to have  
8 made all promises for the enterprise;

9       14. "Facility" means any building of the tribe in which the  
10 covered games authorized by this Compact are conducted by the  
11 enterprise, located on Indian lands as defined by IGRA. The tribe  
12 shall have the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that a facility  
13 conforms to the Compact as required herein;

14       15. "Game play credits" means a method of representing value  
15 obtained from the exchange of cash or cash equivalents, or earned as  
16 a prize, in connection with electronic gaming. Game play credits  
17 may be redeemed for cash or a cash equivalent;

18       16. "Player terminals" means electronic or electromechanical  
19 terminals housed in cabinets with input devices and video screens or  
20 electromechanical displays on which players play electronic bonanza-  
21 style bingo games, electronic instant bingo games or electronic  
22 amusement games;

23       17. "Independent testing laboratory" means a laboratory of  
24 national reputation that is demonstrably competent and qualified to

1 scientifically test and evaluate devices for compliance with this  
2 Compact and to otherwise perform the functions assigned to it in  
3 this Compact. An independent testing laboratory shall not be owned  
4 or controlled by the tribe, the enterprise, an organizational  
5 licensee as defined in the State-Tribal Gaming Act, the state, or  
6 any manufacturer, supplier or operator of gaming devices. The  
7 selection of an independent testing laboratory for any purpose under  
8 this Compact shall be made from a list of one or more laboratories  
9 mutually agreed upon by the parties; provided that the parties  
10 hereby agree that any laboratory upon which the National Indian  
11 Gaming Commission (NIGC) has relied for such testing may be utilized  
12 for testing required by this Compact;

13 18. "IGRA" means the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Pub. L. 100-  
14 497, ~~Oct.~~ October 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 2467, codified at 25 U.S.C.,  
15 Section 2701 et seq. and 18 U.S.C., Sections 1166 to 1168;

16 19. "Nonhouse-banked card games" means any card game in which  
17 the tribe has no interest in the outcome of the game, including  
18 games played in tournament formats and games in which the tribe  
19 collects a fee from the player for participating, and all bets are  
20 placed in a common pool or pot from which all player winnings,  
21 prizes and direct costs are paid. As provided herein,  
22 administrative fees may be charged by the tribe against any common  
23 pool in an amount equal to any fee paid the state; provided that the  
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1 tribe may seed the pool as it determines necessary from time to  
2 time;

3 20. "Patron" means any person who is on the premises of a  
4 gaming facility, for the purpose of playing covered games authorized  
5 by this Compact;

6 21. "Principal" means, with respect to any entity, its sole  
7 proprietor or any partner, trustee, beneficiary or shareholder  
8 holding five percent (5%) or more of its beneficial or controlling  
9 ownership, either directly or indirectly, or any officer, director,  
10 principal management employee, or key employee thereof;

11 22. "Rules and regulations" means the rules and regulations  
12 promulgated by the Tribal Compliance Agency for implementation of  
13 this Compact;

14 23. "Standards" means the descriptions and specifications of  
15 electronic amusement games, electronic bonanza-style bingo games and  
16 electronic instant bingo games or components thereof as set forth in  
17 Sections 270 through 277 of this title as enacted in 2004 or as  
18 amended pursuant to paragraph 27 of this Part or subsection D of  
19 Part 13 of this Compact, including technical specifications for  
20 component parts, requirements for cashless transaction systems,  
21 software tools for security and audit purposes, and procedures for  
22 operation of such games;

23 24. "State" means the State of Oklahoma;

1       25. "State Compliance Agency" ("SCA") means the state agency  
2 that has the authority to carry out the state's oversight  
3 responsibilities under this Compact, which shall be the Office of  
4 Management and Enterprise Services or its successor agency. Nothing  
5 herein shall supplant the role or duties of the Oklahoma State  
6 Bureau of Investigation under state law. The Oklahoma Horse Racing  
7 Commission and the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall have no role in  
8 regulating or oversight of any gaming conducted by a tribe;

9       26. "Tribal Compliance Agency" ("TCA") means the tribal  
10 governmental agency that has the authority to carry out the tribe's  
11 regulatory and oversight responsibilities under this Compact.  
12 Unless and until otherwise designated by the tribe, the TCA shall be  
13 the [Name of Tribe] Gaming Commission. No covered game employee may  
14 be a member or employee of the TCA. The tribe shall have the  
15 ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the TCA fulfills its  
16 responsibilities under this Compact. The members of the TCA shall  
17 be subject to background investigations and licensed to the extent  
18 required by any tribal or federal law, and in accordance with  
19 subsection B of Part 7 of this Compact. The tribe shall ensure that  
20 all TCA officers and agents are qualified for such position and  
21 receive ongoing training to obtain and maintain skills that are  
22 sufficient to carry out their responsibilities in accordance with  
23 industry standards;

1       27. "State-Tribal Gaming Act" means the legislation in which  
2 this Model Tribal Gaming Compact is set forth and, at the tribe's  
3 option, amendments or successor statutes thereto;

4       28. "Tribal law enforcement agency" means a police or security  
5 force established and maintained by the tribe pursuant to the  
6 tribe's powers of self-government to carry out law enforcement  
7 duties at or in connection with a facility; and

8       29. "Tribe" means the [Name of Nation].

9           Part 4. AUTHORIZATION OF COVERED GAMES

10          A. The tribe and state agree that the tribe is authorized to  
11 operate covered games only in accordance with this Compact.  
12 However, nothing in this Compact shall limit the tribe's right to  
13 operate any game that is Class II under IGRA and no Class II games  
14 shall be subject to the exclusivity payments set forth in Part 11 of  
15 this Compact. In the case of electronic bonanza-style bingo games,  
16 there have been disagreements between tribes and federal regulators  
17 as to whether or not such games are Class II. Without conceding  
18 that such games are Class III, the tribe has agreed to compact with  
19 the state to operate the specific type of electronic bonanza-style  
20 bingo game described in this Compact to remove any legal uncertainty  
21 as to the tribe's right to lawfully operate the game. Should the  
22 electronic bonanza-style bingo game or the electronic instant bingo  
23 game described in this act be determined to be Class II by the NIGC  
24 or a federal court, then the tribe shall have the option to operate

1 such games outside of this Compact; provided, any obligations  
2 pursuant to subsection F of Part 11 of this Compact shall not be  
3 affected thereby.

4       B. A tribe shall not operate an electronic bonanza-style bingo  
5 game, an electronic instant bingo game or an electronic amusement  
6 game pursuant to this Compact until such game has been certified by  
7 an independent testing laboratory and the TCA as meeting the  
8 standards set out in the State-Tribal Gaming Act for electronic  
9 bonanza-style bingo games, electronic instant bingo games or  
10 electronic amusement games, as applicable or any standards contained  
11 in the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission rules issued pursuant to  
12 subsection B of Section 268 of this title that modify the standards  
13 for such games that may be conducted by organizational licensees.  
14 Provided, the tribe may rely on any certification of an electronic  
15 bonanza-style bingo game, an electronic instant bingo, or electronic  
16 amusement games by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission which was  
17 obtained by an organization licensee pursuant to the State-Tribal  
18 Gaming Act to establish certification compliance under this Compact.  
19 The tribe may also rely on any certification of an electronic  
20 bonanza-style bingo game, electronic instant bingo or an electronic  
21 amusement game by the TCA obtained by another tribe which has  
22 entered into the model compact to establish certification compliance  
23 under this Compact.

1           Part 5. RULES AND REGULATIONS; MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR  
2 OPERATIONS

3           A. Regulations. At all times during the Term of this Compact,  
4 the tribe shall be responsible for all duties which are assigned to  
5 it, the enterprise, the facility, and the TCA under this Compact.  
6 The tribe shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to  
7 implement this Compact, which at a minimum shall expressly include  
8 or incorporate by reference all provisions of this Part 5 and the  
9 procedural requirements of Part 6 of this Compact. Nothing in this  
10 Compact shall be construed to affect the tribe's right to amend its  
11 rules and regulations, provided that any such amendment shall be in  
12 conformity with this Compact. The SCA may propose additional rules  
13 and regulations related to implementation of this Compact to the TCA  
14 at any time, and the TCA shall give good faith consideration to such  
15 suggestions and shall notify the SCA of its response or action with  
16 respect thereto.

17           B. Compliance; Internal Control Standards. All enterprises and  
18 facilities shall comply with, and all covered games approved under  
19 the procedures set forth in this Compact shall be operated in  
20 accordance with the requirements set forth in this Compact,  
21 including, but not limited to, those set forth in subsections C and  
22 D of this Part. In addition, all enterprises and facilities shall  
23 comply with tribal internal control standards that provide a level  
24 of control that equals or exceeds those set forth in the National

1 Indian Gaming Commission's Minimum Internal Control Standards (25  
2 C.F.R., Part 542).

3 C. Records. In addition to other records required to be  
4 maintained herein, the enterprise or tribe shall maintain the  
5 following records related to implementation of this Compact in  
6 permanent form and as written or entered, whether manually or by  
7 computer, and which shall be maintained by the enterprise and made  
8 available for inspection by the SCA for no less than three (3) years  
9 from the date generated:

10 1. A log recording all surveillance activities in the  
11 monitoring room of the facility, including, but not limited to,  
12 surveillance records kept in the normal course of enterprise  
13 operations and in accordance with industry standards; provided,  
14 notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, surveillance  
15 records may, at the discretion of the enterprise, be destroyed if no  
16 incident has been reported within one (1) year following the date  
17 such records were made. Records, as used in this Compact, shall  
18 include video tapes and any other storage media;

19 2. Payout from the conduct of all covered games;

20 3. Maintenance logs for all covered games gaming equipment used  
21 by the enterprise;

22 4. Security logs as kept in the normal course of conducting and  
23 maintaining security at the facility, which at a minimum shall  
24 conform to industry practices for such reports. The security logs

1 shall document any unusual or nonstandard activities, occurrences or  
2 events at or related to the facility or in connection with the  
3 enterprise. Each incident, without regard to materiality, shall be  
4 assigned a sequential number for each such report. At a minimum,  
5 the security logs shall consist of the following information, which  
6 shall be recorded in a reasonable fashion noting:

- 7 a. the assigned number of the incident,
- 8 b. the date of the incident,
- 9 c. the time of the incident,
- 10 d. the location of the incident,
- 11 e. the nature of the incident,
- 12 f. the identity, including identification information, of  
any persons involved in the incident and any known  
13 witnesses to the incident, and
- 14 g. the tribal compliance officer making the report and  
any other persons contributing to its preparation;

15 5. Books and records on all covered game activities of the  
16 enterprise shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted  
17 accounting principles (GAAP); and

18 6. All documents generated in accordance with this Compact.

19 D. Use of Net Revenues. Net revenues that the tribe receives  
20 from covered games are to be used for any one or more of those  
21 purposes permitted under IGRA:

22 1. To fund tribal government operations or programs;

1       2. To provide for the general welfare of the tribe and its  
2 members;

3       3. To promote tribal economic development;

4       4. To donate to charitable organizations; or

5       5. To help fund operations of local government agencies.

6       E. 1. The tribe's rules and regulations shall require the  
7 enterprise at a minimum to bar persons based on their prior conduct  
8 at the facility or who, because of their criminal history or  
9 association with criminal offenders, pose a threat to the integrity  
10 of the conduct of covered games.

11       2. The TCA shall establish a list of the persons barred from  
12 the facility.

13       3. The enterprise shall employ its best efforts to exclude  
14 persons on such list from entry into its facility; provided, neither  
15 persons who are barred but gain access to the facility, nor any  
16 other person, shall have any claim against the state, the tribe or  
17 the enterprise or any other person for failing to enforce such bar.

18       4. Patrons who believe they may be playing covered games on a  
19 compulsive basis may request that their names be placed on the list.  
20 All covered game employees shall receive training on identifying  
21 players who have a problem with compulsive playing and shall be  
22 instructed to ask them to leave. Signs and other materials shall be  
23 readily available to direct such compulsive players to agencies  
24 where they may receive counseling.

1 F. Audits. 1. Consistent with 25 C.F.R., Section 571.12,  
2 Audit Standards, the TCA shall ensure that an annual independent  
3 financial audit of the enterprise's conduct of covered games subject  
4 to this Compact is secured. The audit shall, at a minimum, examine  
5 revenues and expenses in connection with the conduct of covered  
6 games in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and  
7 shall include, but not be limited to, those matters necessary to  
8 verify the determination of adjusted gross revenues and the basis of  
9 the payments made to the state pursuant to Part 11 of this Compact.

10 2. The auditor selected by the TCA shall be a firm of known and  
11 demonstrable experience, expertise and stature in conducting audits  
12 of this kind and scope.

13 3. The audit shall be concluded within five (5) months  
14 following the close of each calendar year, provided that extensions  
15 may be requested by the tribe and shall not be refused by the state  
16 where the circumstances justifying the extension request are beyond  
17 the tribe's control.

18 4. The audit of the conduct of covered games may be conducted  
19 as part of or in conjunction with the audit of the enterprise, but  
20 if so conducted shall be separately stated for the reporting  
21 purposes required herein.

22 5. The audit shall conform to generally accepted auditing  
23 standards. As part of the audit report, the auditor shall certify  
24 to the TCA that, in the course of the audit, the auditor discovered

1 no matters within the scope of the audit which were determined or  
2 believed to be in violation of any provision of this Compact.

3       6. The enterprise shall assume all costs in connection with the  
4 audit.

5       7. The audit report for the conduct of covered games shall be  
6 submitted to the SCA within thirty (30) days of completion. The  
7 auditor's work papers concerning covered games shall be made  
8 available to the SCA upon request.

9       8. Representatives of the SCA may, upon request, meet with the  
10 auditors to discuss the work papers, the audit or any matters in  
11 connection therewith; provided, such discussions are limited to  
12 covered games information and pursue legitimate state covered games  
13 interests.

14       G. Rules for Play of and Prizes for Covered Games. Summaries  
15 of the rules for playing covered games and winning prizes shall be  
16 visibly displayed in the facility. Complete sets of rules shall be  
17 available in pamphlet form in the facility.

18       H. Supervisory Line of Authority. The enterprise shall provide  
19 the TCA and SCA with a chart of the supervisory lines of authority  
20 with respect to those directly responsible for the conduct of  
21 covered games, and shall promptly notify those agencies of any  
22 material changes thereto.

23       I. Sale of Alcoholic Beverages. The sale and service of  
24 alcoholic beverages in a facility shall be in compliance with state,  
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1 federal and tribal law in regard to the licensing and sale of such  
2 beverages.

3       J. Age Restrictions. No person who would not be eligible to be  
4 a patron of a pari-mutuel system of wagering pursuant to the  
5 provisions of subsection B of Section 208.4 of this title shall be  
6 admitted into any area in a facility where covered games are played,  
7 nor be permitted to operate, or obtain a prize from or in connection  
8 with the operation of, any covered game, directly or indirectly.

9       K. Destruction of Documents. Enterprise books, records and  
10 other materials documenting the conduct of covered games shall be  
11 destroyed only in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by  
12 the TCA, which at a minimum shall provide as follows:

13       1. Material that might be utilized in connection with a  
14 potential tort claim pursuant to Part 6 of this Compact, including,  
15 but not limited to, incident reports, surveillance records,  
16 statements, and the like, shall be maintained at least one (1) year  
17 beyond the time which a claim can be made under Part 6 of this  
18 Compact or, if a tort claim is made, beyond the final disposition of  
19 such claim;

20       2. Material that might be utilized in connection with a prize  
21 claim, including but not limited to incident reports, surveillance  
22 records, statements, and the like, shall be maintained at least one  
23 hundred eighty (180) days beyond the time which a claim can be made

1 under Part 6 of this Compact or, if a prize claim is made, beyond  
2 the final disposition of such claim; and

3       3. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, all  
4 enterprise books and records with respect to the conduct of covered  
5 games or the operation of the enterprise, including, but not limited  
6 to, all interim and final financial and audit reports and materials  
7 related thereto which have been generated in the ordinary course of  
8 business, shall be maintained for the minimum period of three (3)  
9 years.

10      L. Location. The tribe may establish and operate enterprises  
11 and facilities that operate covered games only on its Indian lands  
12 as defined by IGRA. The tribe shall notify the SCA of the operation  
13 of any new facility following the effective date of this Compact.  
14 Nothing herein shall be construed as expanding or otherwise altering  
15 the term "Indian lands", as that term is defined in the IGRA, nor  
16 shall anything herein be construed as altering the federal process  
17 governing the tribal acquisition of "Indian lands" for gaming  
18 purposes.

19      M. Records of Covered Games. The TCA shall keep a record of,  
20 and shall report at least quarterly to the SCA, the number of  
21 covered games in each facility, by the name or type of each and its  
22 identifying number.

23      PART Part 6. TORT CLAIMS; PRIZE CLAIMS; LIMITED CONSENT TO SUIT  
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1       A. Tort Claims. The enterprise shall ensure that patrons of a  
2 facility are afforded due process in seeking and receiving just and  
3 reasonable compensation for a tort claim for personal injury or  
4 property damage against the enterprise arising out of incidents  
5 occurring at a facility, hereinafter "tort claim", as follows:

6       1. During the term of this Compact, the enterprise shall  
7 maintain public liability insurance for the express purposes of  
8 covering and satisfying tort claims. The insurance shall have  
9 liability limits of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
10 (\$250,000.00) for any one person and Two Million Dollars  
11 (\$2,000,000.00) for any one occurrence for personal injury, and One  
12 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for any one occurrence for property  
13 damage, hereinafter the "limit of liability", or the corresponding  
14 limits under ~~the~~ The Governmental Tort Claims Act, whichever is  
15 greater. No tort claim shall be paid, or be the subject of any  
16 award, in excess of the limit of liability;

17       2. The tribe consents to suit on a limited basis with respect  
18 to tort claims subject to the limitations set forth in this  
19 subsection and subsection C of this Part. No consents to suit with  
20 respect to tort claims, or as to any other claims against the tribe  
21 shall be deemed to have been made under this Compact, except as  
22 provided in subsections B and C of this Part;

23       3. The enterprise's insurance policy shall include an  
24 endorsement providing that the insurer may not invoke tribal

1 sovereign immunity in connection with any claim made within the  
2 limit of liability if the claim complies with the limited consent  
3 provisions of subsection C of this Part. Copies of all such  
4 insurance policies shall be forwarded to the SCA;

5       4. Any patron having a tort claim shall file a written tort  
6 claim notice by delivery to the enterprise or the TCA. The date the  
7 tort claim notice is filed with the enterprise or the TCA shall be  
8 deemed the official date of filing the tort claim notice. The tort  
9 claim notice shall be filed within one (1) year of the date of the  
10 event which allegedly caused the claimed loss. Failure to file the  
11 tort claim notice during such period of time shall forever bar such  
12 tort claim; provided that a tort claim notice filed with the  
13 enterprise or the TCA more than ninety (90) days, but within one (1)  
14 year, after the event shall be deemed to be timely filed, but any  
15 judgment thereon shall be reduced by ten percent (10%);

16       5. If the tort claim notice is filed with the TCA, the TCA  
17 shall forward a copy of the tort claim to the enterprise and the SCA  
18 within forty-eight (48) hours of filing, and if the tort claim  
19 notice is filed with the enterprise, the enterprise shall forward a  
20 copy of the tort claim to the TCA and the SCA within forty-eight  
21 (48) hours of filing;

22       6. The tort claim notice shall state the date, time, place and  
23 circumstances of the incident upon which the tort claim is based,  
24 the identity of any persons known to have information regarding the

1      incident, including employees or others involved in or who witnessed  
2      the incident, the amount of compensation and the basis for said  
3      relief; the name, address and telephone number of the claimant, and  
4      the name, address and telephone number of any representative  
5      authorized to act or settle the claim on behalf of the claimant;

6              7. All tort claim notices shall be signed by the claimant. The  
7      rules and regulations may additionally require that the tort claim  
8      notices be signed under oath. The rules and regulations may also  
9      require that as a condition of prosecuting tort claims, the claimant  
10     shall appear to be interviewed or deposed at least once under  
11     reasonable circumstances, which shall include the attendance of the  
12     claimant's legal counsel if requested; provided that the enterprise  
13     shall afford claimant at least thirty (30) days' written notice of  
14     the interview or deposition; and provided further that the  
15     claimant's failure to appear without cause for any interview or  
16     deposition properly noticed pursuant to this paragraph shall be  
17     deemed a voluntary withdrawal of the tort claim;

18              8. The enterprise shall promptly review, investigate, and make  
19     a determination regarding the tort claim. Any portion of a tort  
20     claim which is unresolved shall be deemed denied if the enterprise  
21     fails to notify the claimant in writing of its approval within  
22     ninety (90) days of the filing date, unless the parties by written  
23     agreement extend the date by which a denial shall be deemed issued  
24     if no other action is taken. Each extension shall be for no more  
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1 than ninety (90) days, but there shall be no limit on the number of  
2 written agreements for extensions; provided, that no written  
3 agreement for extension shall be valid unless signed by the claimant  
4 and an authorized representative of the enterprise. The claimant  
5 and the enterprise may continue attempts to settle a claim beyond an  
6 extended date; provided, settlement negotiations shall not extend  
7 the date of denial in the absence of a written agreement for  
8 extension as required by this paragraph;

9       9. A judicial proceeding for any cause arising from a tort  
10 claim may be maintained in accordance with and subject to the  
11 limitations of subsection C of this Part only if the following  
12 requirements have been met:

13           a. the claimant has followed all procedures required by  
14                   this Part, including, without limitation, the delivery  
15                   of a valid and timely written tort claim notice to the  
16                   enterprise,

17           b. the enterprise has denied the tort claim, and

18           c. the claimant has filed the judicial proceeding no  
19                   later than the one-hundred-eightieth day after denial  
20                   of the claim by the enterprise; provided, that neither  
21                   the claimant nor the enterprise may agree to extend  
22                   the time to commence a judicial proceeding; and

23       10. Notices explaining the procedure and time limitations with  
24 respect to making a tort claim shall be prominently posted in the

1 facility. Such notices shall explain the method and places for  
2 making a tort claim, that this procedure is the exclusive method of  
3 making a tort claim, and that claims that do not follow these  
4 procedures shall be forever barred. The enterprise shall make  
5 pamphlets containing the requirements in this subsection readily  
6 available to all patrons of the facility and shall provide such  
7 pamphlets to a claimant within five (5) days of the filing of a  
8 claim.

9       B. Prize Claims. The enterprise shall ensure that patrons of a  
10 facility are afforded due process in seeking and receiving just and  
11 reasonable compensation arising from a patron's dispute, in  
12 connection with his or her play of any covered game, the amount of  
13 any prize which has been awarded, the failure to be awarded a prize,  
14 or the right to receive a refund or other compensation, ~~hereafter~~  
15 hereinafter "prize claim", as follows:

16       1. The tribe consents to suit on a limited basis with respect  
17 to prize claims against the enterprise only as set forth in  
18 subsection C of this Part; no consents to suit with respect to prize  
19 claims, or as to any other claims against the tribe shall be deemed  
20 to have been made under this Compact, except as provided in  
21 subsections A and C of this Part;

22       2. The maximum amount of any prize claim shall be the amount of  
23 the prize which the claimant establishes he or she was entitled to  
24 be awarded, ~~hereafter~~ hereinafter "prize limit";

1       3. Any patron having a prize claim shall file a written prize  
2 claim notice by delivery to the enterprise or the TCA. The date the  
3 prize claim is filed with the enterprise or the TCA shall be deemed  
4 the official date of filing the prize claim notice. The prize claim  
5 notice shall be filed within ten (10) days of the event which is the  
6 basis of the claim. Failure to file the prize claim notice during  
7 such period of time shall forever bar such prize claim;

8       4. If the prize claim notice is filed with the TCA, the TCA  
9 shall forward a copy of the prize claim to the enterprise and the  
10 SCA within forty-eight (48) hours of its filing; and if the prize  
11 claim notice is filed with the enterprise, the enterprise shall  
12 forward a copy of the tort claim to the TCA and the SCA within  
13 forty-eight (48) hours of filing;

14       5. The written prize claim notice shall state the date, time,  
15 place and circumstances of the incident upon which the prize claim  
16 is based, the identity of any persons known to have information  
17 regarding the incident, including employees or others involved in or  
18 who witnessed the incident, the amount demanded and the basis for  
19 said amount, the name, address and telephone number of the claimant,  
20 and the name, address and telephone number of any representative  
21 authorized to act or settle the claim on behalf of the claimant;

22       6. All notices of prize claims shall be signed by the claimant.  
23 The rules and regulations may additionally require that the prize  
24 claim notices be signed under oath;

1       7. The enterprise shall promptly review, investigate and make a  
2 determination regarding the prize claim. Claimants shall cooperate  
3 in providing information, including personal sworn statements and  
4 agreeing to be interviewed, as the enterprise shall reasonably  
5 request. The claimant is permitted to have counsel present during  
6 any such interview;

7       8. If the prize claim is not resolved within seventy-two (72)  
8 hours from the time of filing the claim in accordance with paragraph  
9 5 of this subsection, the TCA shall immediately notify the SCA in  
10 writing that the claim has not been resolved;

11       9. In the event the claim is resolved, the TCA shall not be  
12 obligated to report that fact to the SCA, but shall make TCA reports  
13 available for review;

14       10. Any portion of a prize claim which is unresolved shall be  
15 deemed denied if the enterprise fails to notify the claimant in  
16 writing of its approval within thirty (30) days of the filing date,  
17 unless the parties agree by written agreement to extend the date.

18       Each extension shall be for no more than thirty (30) days, but there  
19 shall be no limit on the number of written agreements for  
20 extensions; provided, that no written agreements for extension shall  
21 be valid unless signed by the claimant and an authorized  
22 representative of the TCA. The claimant and the enterprise may  
23 continue attempts to settle a claim beyond an extended date;  
24 provided, settlement negotiations shall not extend the date of

1 denial in the absence of a written extension required by this  
2 paragraph;

3       11. A judicial proceeding for any cause arising from a prize  
4 claim may be maintained in accordance with and subject to the  
5 limitations of subsection C of this Part only if the following  
6 requirements have been met:

7           a. the claimant has followed all procedures required by  
8                   this Part, including without limitation, the delivery  
9                   of a valid and timely written prize claim notice to  
10                  the enterprise,

11           b. the enterprise has denied the prize claim, and  
12           c. the claimant has filed the judicial proceeding no  
13                  later than one hundred eighty (180) days after denial  
14                  of the claim by the enterprise; provided that neither  
15                  the claimant nor the enterprise may extend the time to  
16                  commence a judicial proceeding; and

17       12. Notices explaining the procedure and time limitations with  
18 respect to making a prize claim shall be prominently posted in the  
19 facility. Such notices shall explain the method and places for  
20 making claims, that this procedure is the exclusive method of making  
21 a prize claim, and that claims that do not follow this procedure  
22 shall be forever barred. The enterprise shall make pamphlets  
23 containing the requirements in this subsection readily available to  
24 all patrons of the facility and shall provide such pamphlets to a

1 claimant by the TCA within five (5) days of the filing date of a  
2 claim.

3 C. Limited Consent to Suit for Tort Claims and Prize Claims.  
4 The tribe consents to suit against the enterprise in a court of  
5 competent jurisdiction with respect to a tort claim or prize claim  
6 if all requirements of paragraph 9 of subsection A of this Part or  
7 all requirements of paragraph 11 of subsection B of this Part have  
8 been met; provided that such consent shall be subject to the  
9 following additional conditions and limitations:

10 1. For tort claims, consent to suit is granted only to the  
11 extent such claim or any award or judgment rendered thereon does not  
12 exceed the limit of liability. Under no circumstances shall any  
13 consent to suit be effective as to any award which exceeds such  
14 applicable amounts. This consent shall only extend to the patron  
15 actually claiming to have been injured. A tort claim shall not be  
16 assignable. In the event any assignment of the tort claim is made  
17 in violation of this Compact, or any person other than the patron  
18 claiming the injury becomes a party to any action hereunder, this  
19 consent shall be deemed revoked for all purposes. Notwithstanding  
20 the foregoing, consent to suit shall not be revoked if an action on  
21 a tort claim is filed by (i) a court appointed representative of a  
22 claimant's estate, (ii) an indispensable party, or (iii) a health  
23 provider or other party subrogated to the claimant's rights by  
24 virtue of any insurance policy; provided, that nothing herein is

1 intended to, or shall constitute a consent to suit against the  
2 enterprise as to such party except to the extent such party's claim  
3 is:

- 4 a. in lieu of and identical to the claim that would have  
5 been made by the claimant directly but for the  
6 appointment of said representative or indispensable  
7 party, and participation of such other party is in  
8 lieu of and not in addition to pursuit of the claim by  
9 the patron, and
- 10 b. the claim of such other party would have been subject  
11 to a consent to suit hereunder if it had been made by  
12 the claimant directly; and

13 2. For prize claims, consent is granted only to the extent such  
14 claim does not exceed the prize limit. Under no circumstances shall  
15 any award exceed the prize limit. This consent shall only extend to  
16 the patron actually claiming to have engaged in the play of a  
17 covered game on which the claim is based. Prize claims shall not be  
18 assignable. In the event any assignment of the prize claim is made,  
19 or any person other than the claimant entitled to make the claim  
20 becomes a party to any action hereunder, this consent shall be  
21 deemed revoked for all purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing,  
22 consent to suit shall not be revoked if an action on a prize claim  
23 is filed by (i) a court-appointed representative of a claimant's  
24 estate, or (ii) an indispensable party, provided that nothing herein

1 is intended to, or shall constitute a consent to suit against the  
2 enterprise as to such party except to the extent such party's claim  
3 is:

- 4 a. in lieu of and identical to the claim that would have  
5 been made by the claimant directly but for the  
6 appointment of said representative or indispensable  
7 party, and participation of such other party is in  
8 lieu of and not in addition to pursuit of the claim by  
9 the patron, and
- 10 b. the claim of such other party would have been subject  
11 to a consent to suit hereunder if it had been made by  
12 the claimant directly.

13 D. Remedies in the Event of No or Inadequate Insurance for Tort  
14 Claim. In the event a tort claim is made and there is no, or  
15 inadequate, insurance in effect as required under this Compact, the  
16 enterprise shall be deemed to be in default hereunder unless, within  
17 ten (10) days of a demand by the SCA or a claimant to do so, the  
18 enterprise has posted in an irrevocable escrow account at a state or  
19 federally chartered bank which is not owned or controlled by the  
20 tribe, sufficient cash, a bond or other security sufficient to cover  
21 any award that might be made within the limits set forth in  
22 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this Part, and informs the claimant  
23 and the state of:

- 24 1. The posting of the cash or bond;

1       2. The means by which the deposit can be independently verified  
2 as to the amount and the fact that it is irrevocable until the  
3 matter is finally resolved;

4       3. The right of the claimant to have this claim satisfied from  
5 the deposit if the claimant is successful on the claim; and

6       4. The notice and hearing opportunities in accordance with the  
7 tribe's tort law, if any, otherwise in accordance with principles of  
8 due process, which will be afforded to the claimant so that the  
9 intent of this Compact to provide claimants with a meaningful  
10 opportunity to seek a just remedy under fair conditions will be  
11 fulfilled.

12       Part 7. ENFORCEMENT OF COMPACT PROVISIONS

13       A. The tribe and TCA shall be responsible for regulating  
14 activities pursuant to this Compact. As part of its  
15 responsibilities, the tribe shall require the enterprise do the  
16 following:

17       1. Operate the conduct of covered games in compliance with this  
18 Compact, including, but not limited to, the standards and the  
19 tribe's rules and regulations;

20       2. Take reasonable measures to assure the physical safety of  
21 enterprise patrons and personnel, prevent illegal activity at the  
22 facility, and protect any rights of patrons under the Indian Civil  
23 Rights Act of 1968, 25 U.S.C., ~~See. 1302-1303~~ Sections 1302 through  
24 1303;

1       3. Promptly notify appropriate law enforcement authorities of  
2 persons who may be involved in illegal acts in accordance with  
3 applicable law;

4       4. Assure that the construction and maintenance of the facility  
5 meets or exceeds federal and tribal standards for comparable  
6 buildings; and

7       5. Prepare adequate emergency access plans to ensure the health  
8 and safety of all covered game patrons. Upon the finalization of  
9 emergency access plans, the TCA or enterprise shall forward copies  
10 of such plans to the SCA.

11      B. All licenses for members and employees of the TCA shall be  
12 issued according to the same standards and terms applicable to  
13 facility employees. The TCA shall employ qualified compliance  
14 officers under the authority of the TCA. The compliance officers  
15 shall be independent of the enterprise, and shall be supervised and  
16 accountable only to the TCA. A TCA compliance officer shall be  
17 available to the facility during all hours of operation upon  
18 reasonable notice, and shall have immediate access to any and all  
19 areas of the facility for the purpose of ensuring compliance with  
20 the provisions of this Compact. The TCA shall investigate any such  
21 suspected or reported violation of this Compact and shall require  
22 the enterprise to correct such violations. The TCA shall officially  
23 enter into its files timely written reports of investigations and  
24 any action taken thereon, and shall forward copies of such reports

1 to the SCA within fifteen (15) days of such filing. Any such  
2 violations shall be reported immediately to the TCA, and the TCA  
3 shall immediately forward the same to the SCA. In addition, the TCA  
4 shall promptly report to the SCA any such violations which it  
5 independently discovers.

6 C. In order to develop and foster a positive and effective  
7 relationship in the enforcement of the provisions of this Compact,  
8 representatives of the TCA and the SCA shall meet, not less than on  
9 an annual basis, to review past practices and examine methods to  
10 improve the regulatory scheme created by this Compact. The meetings  
11 shall take place at a location mutually agreed to by the TCA and the  
12 SCA. The SCA, prior to or during such meetings, shall disclose to  
13 the TCA any concerns, suspected activities, or pending matters  
14 reasonably believed to possibly constitute violations of this  
15 Compact by any person, organization or entity, if such disclosure  
16 will not compromise the interest sought to be protected.

17 Part 8. STATE MONITORING OF COMPACT

18 A. The SCA shall, pursuant to the provisions of this Compact,  
19 have the authority to monitor the conduct of covered games to ensure  
20 that the covered games are conducted in compliance with the  
21 provisions of this Compact. In order to properly monitor the  
22 conduct of covered games, agents of the SCA shall have reasonable  
23 access to all areas of the facility related to the conduct of  
24 covered games as provided herein:

1       1. Access to the facility by the SCA shall be during the  
2 facility's normal operating hours only; provided that to the extent  
3 such inspections are limited to areas of the facility where the  
4 public is normally permitted, SCA agents may inspect the facility  
5 without giving prior notice to the enterprise;

6       2. Any suspected or claimed violations of this Compact or of  
7 law shall be directed in writing to the TCA; SCA agents shall not  
8 interfere with the functioning of the enterprise; and

9       3. Before SCA agents enter any nonpublic area of the facility,  
10 they shall provide proper photographic identification to the TCA.  
11 SCA agents shall be accompanied in nonpublic areas of the facility  
12 by a TCA agent. A one-hour notice by SCA to the TCA may be required  
13 to assure that a TCA officer is available to accompany SCA agents at  
14 all times.

15       B. Subject to the provisions herein, agents of the SCA shall  
16 have the right to review and copy documents of the enterprise  
17 related to its conduct of covered games. The review and copying of  
18 such documents shall be during normal business hours or hours  
19 otherwise at tribe's discretion. However, the SCA shall not be  
20 permitted to copy those portions of any documents of the enterprise  
21 related to its conduct of covered games that contain business or  
22 marketing strategies or other proprietary and confidential  
23 information of the enterprise, including, but not limited to,  
24 customer lists, business plans, advertising programs, marketing

1 studies, and customer demographics or profiles. No documents of the  
2 enterprise related to its conduct of covered games or copies thereof  
3 shall be released to the public by the state under any  
4 circumstances. All such documents shall be deemed confidential  
5 documents owned by the tribe and shall not be subject to public  
6 release by the state.

7 C. At the completion of any SCA inspection or investigation,  
8 the SCA shall forward a written report thereof to the TCA. The TCA  
9 shall be apprised on a timely basis of all pertinent,  
10 nonconfidential information regarding any violation of federal,  
11 state, or tribal laws, the rules or regulations, or this Compact.  
12 Nothing herein prevents the SCA from contacting tribal or federal  
13 law enforcement authorities for suspected criminal wrongdoing  
14 involving the TCA. TCA may interview SCA inspectors upon reasonable  
15 notice and examine work papers and SCA in the same fashion that SCA  
16 inspectors may examine auditors' notes and make auditor inquiry  
17 unless providing such information to the TCA will compromise the  
18 interests sought to be protected. If the SCA determines that  
19 providing the information to the TCA will compromise the interests  
20 sought to be protected, then the SCA shall provide such information  
21 to the tribe in accordance with Part 13 14 of this Compact.

22 D. Nothing in this Compact shall be deemed to authorize the  
23 state to regulate the tribe's government, including the TCA, or to  
24 interfere in any way with the tribe's selection of its governmental

1 officers, including members of the TCA; provided, however, the SCA  
2 and the tribe, upon request of the tribe, shall jointly employ, at  
3 the tribe's expense, an independent firm to perform on behalf of the  
4 SCA the duties set forth in subsections A and B of this Part.

5 Part 9. JURISDICTION

6 This Compact shall not alter tribal, federal or state civil  
7 adjudicatory or criminal jurisdiction.

8 Part 10. LICENSING

9 A. 1. Except as provided in paragraph 6 of Part 3 of this  
10 Compact, no covered game employee shall be employed at a facility or  
11 by an enterprise unless such person is licensed in accordance with  
12 this Compact. In addition to the provisions of this Part which are  
13 applicable to the licensing of all covered game employees, the  
14 requirements of 25 C.F.R., Part 556, Background Investigations for  
15 Primary Management Officials and Key Employees, and 25 C.F.R., Part  
16 558, Gaming Licenses for Key Employees and Primary Management  
17 Officials, apply to Key Employees and Primary Management Officials  
18 of the facility and enterprise.

19 2. All prospective covered game employees shall apply to the  
20 TCA for a license. Licenses shall be issued for periods of no more  
21 than two (2) years, after which they may be renewed only following  
22 review and update of the information upon which the license was  
23 based; provided, the TCA may extend the period in which the license  
24 is valid for a reasonable time pending the outcome of any

1 investigation being conducted in connection with the renewal of such  
2 license. In the event the SCA contends that any such extension is  
3 unreasonable, it may seek resolution of that issue pursuant to Part  
4 11 12 of this Compact.

5 3. The application process shall require the TCA to obtain  
6 sufficient information and identification from the applicant to  
7 permit a background investigation to determine if a license should  
8 be issued in accordance with this Part and the rules and  
9 regulations. The TCA shall obtain information about a prospective  
10 covered game employee that includes:

- 11 a. full name, including any aliases by which applicant  
12 has ever been known,
- 13 b. social security number,
- 14 c. date and place of birth,
- 15 d. residential addresses for the past five (5) years,
- 16 e. employment history for the past five (5) years,
- 17 f. driver license number,
- 18 g. all licenses issued and disciplinary charges filed,  
19 whether or not discipline was imposed, by any state or  
20 tribal regulatory authority,
- 21 h. all criminal arrests and proceedings, except for minor  
22 traffic offenses, to which the applicant has been a  
23 party,
- 24 i. a set of fingerprints,

- j. a current photograph,
- k. military service history, and
- l. any other information the TCA determines is necessary to conduct a thorough background investigation.

4. Upon obtaining the required initial information from a prospective covered game employee, the TCA shall forward a copy of such information to the SCA, along with any determinations made with respect to the issuance or denial of a temporary or permanent license. The SCA may conduct its own background investigation of the applicant at SCA expense, shall notify the TCA of such investigation within a reasonable time from initiation of the investigation, and shall provide a written report to the TCA of the outcome of such investigation within a reasonable time from the receipt of a request from the TCA for such information. SCA inspector field notes and the SCA inspector shall be available upon reasonable notice for TCA review and inquiry.

5. The TCA may issue a temporary license for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, and the enterprise may employ on a probationary basis, any prospective covered game employee who represents in writing that he or she meets the standards set forth in this Part, provided the TCA or enterprise is not in possession of information to the contrary. The temporary license shall expire at the end of the ninety-day period or upon issuance or denial of a permanent license, whichever event occurs first. Provided that the

1 temporary license period may be extended at the discretion of the  
2 TCA so long as good faith efforts are being made by the applicant to  
3 provide required information, or the TCA is continuing to conduct  
4 its investigation or is waiting on information from others, and  
5 provided further that in the course of such temporary or extended  
6 temporary licensing period, no information has come to the attention  
7 of the TCA which, in the absence of countervailing information then  
8 in the record, would otherwise require denial of license. A  
9 permanent license shall be issued or denied within a reasonable time  
10 following the completion of the applicant's background  
11 investigation.

12 6. In covered gaming the tribe shall not employ and shall  
13 terminate, and the TCA shall not license and shall revoke a license  
14 previously issued to, any covered game employee who:

- 15 a. has been convicted of any felony or an offense related  
16 to any covered games or other gaming activity,
- 17 b. has knowingly and willfully provided false material,  
18 statements or information on his or her employment  
19 application, or
- 20 c. is a person whose prior activities, criminal record,  
21 or reputation, habits, and associations pose a threat  
22 to the public interest or to the effective regulation  
23 and control of the conduct of covered games, or create  
24 or enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or

illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of covered games or the carrying on of the business and financial arrangements incidental thereto.

7. The SCA may object to the employment of any individual by the enterprise based upon the criteria set forth in paragraph 6 of this subsection A of this Part. Such objection shall be in writing setting forth the basis of the objection. The SCA inspector's work papers, notes and exhibits which formed the SCA conclusion shall be available upon reasonable notice for TCA review. The enterprise shall have discretion to employ an individual over the objection of the SCA.

8. The TCA shall have the discretion to initiate or continue a background investigation of any licensee or license applicant and to take appropriate action with respect to the issuance or continued validity of any license at any time, including suspending or revoking such license.

9. The TCA shall require all covered game employees to wear, in plain view, identification cards issued by the TCA which include a photograph of the employee, his or her first name, a four-digit identification number unique to the license issued to the employee, a tribal seal or signature verifying official issuance of the card, and a date of expiration, which shall not extend beyond such employee's license expiration date.

1       B. 1. Any person or entity who, directly or indirectly,  
2 provides or is likely to provide at least Twenty-five Thousand  
3 Dollars (\$25,000.00) in goods or services to the enterprise in any  
4 twelve-month period, or who has received at least Twenty-five  
5 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for goods or services provided to the  
6 enterprise in any consecutive twelve-month period within the  
7 immediately preceding twenty-four-month period, or any person or  
8 entity who provides through sale, lease, rental or otherwise covered  
9 games, or parts, maintenance or service in connection therewith to  
10 the tribe or the enterprise at any time and in any amount, shall be  
11 licensed by the TCA prior to the provision thereof. Provided, that  
12 attorneys or certified public accountants and their firms shall be  
13 exempt from the licensing requirement herein to the extent that they  
14 are providing services covered by their professional licenses.

15       2. Background investigations and licensing shall follow the  
16 same process and apply the same criteria as for covered game  
17 employees set forth in paragraph 6 of subsection A of this Part.

18       3. In the case of a license application of any entity, all  
19 principals thereof shall be subjected to the same background  
20 investigation required for the licensing of a covered game employee,  
21 but no license as such need be issued; provided, no license shall be  
22 issued to the entity if the TCA determines that one or more of its  
23 principals will be persons who would not be qualified to receive a  
24 license if they applied as covered game employees.

1       4. Nothing herein shall prohibit the TCA from processing and  
2 issuing a license to a principal in his or her own name.

3       5. Licenses issued under this subsection shall be reviewed at  
4 least every two (2) years for continuing compliance, and shall be  
5 promptly revoked if the licensee is determined to be in violation of  
6 the standards set forth in paragraph 6 of subsection A of this Part.  
7 In connection with such a review, the TCA shall require the person  
8 or entity to update all information provided in the previous  
9 application.

10      6. The enterprise shall not enter into, or continue to make  
11 payments pursuant to, any contract or agreement for the provision of  
12 goods or services with any person or entity who does not meet the  
13 requirements of this Part including, but not limited to, any person  
14 or entity whose application to the TCA for a license has been  
15 denied, or whose license has expired or been suspended or revoked.

16      7. Pursuant to 25 C.F.R., Part 533, all management contracts  
17 must be approved by the Chair of the National Indian Gaming  
18 Commission. The SCA shall be notified promptly after any such  
19 approval.

20      8. In addition to any licensing criteria set forth above, if  
21 any person or entity seeking licensing under this subsection is to  
22 receive any fee or other payment based on the revenues or profits of  
23 the enterprise, the TCA may take into account whether or not such

1 fee or other payment is fair in light of market conditions and  
2 practices.

3       C. 1. Subject to the exceptions set forth in paragraph 4 of  
4 this subsection, any person or entity extending financing, directly  
5 or indirectly, to the facility or enterprise in excess of Fifty  
6 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in any twelve-month period shall be  
7 licensed prior to providing such financing. Principals thereof  
8 shall be subjected to background investigations and determinations  
9 in accordance with the procedures and standards set forth in  
10 subsection A of this Part. Licenses issued under this section shall  
11 be reviewed at least every two (2) years for continuing compliance,  
12 and shall be promptly revoked if the licensee is determined to be in  
13 violation of the standards set forth in paragraph 6 of subsection A  
14 of this Part. In connection with such a review, the TCA shall  
15 require the person or entity to update all information provided in  
16 the previous application.

17       2. The SCA shall be notified of all financing and loan  
18 transactions with respect to covered games or supplies in which the  
19 amount exceeds Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in any twelve-  
20 month period, and shall be entitled to review copies of all  
21 agreements and documents in connection therewith.

22       3. A supplier of goods or services who provides financing  
23 exclusively in connection with the sale or lease of covered games  
24 equipment or supplies shall be licensed solely in accordance with

1       licensing procedures applicable, if at all, to such suppliers  
2       herein.

3           4. Financing provided by a federally regulated or state-  
4       regulated bank, savings and loan, or trust, or other federally or  
5       state-regulated lending institution; any agency of the federal,  
6       state, tribal or local government; or any person or entity,  
7       including, but not limited to, an institutional investor who, alone  
8       or in conjunction with others, lends money through publicly or  
9       commercially traded bonds or other commercially traded instruments,  
10      including but not limited to the holders of such bonds or  
11      instruments or their assignees or transferees, or which bonds or  
12      commercially traded instruments are underwritten by any entity whose  
13      shares are publicly traded or which underwriter, at the time of the  
14      underwriting, has assets in excess of One Hundred Million Dollars  
15      (\$100,000,000.00), shall be exempt from the licensing and background  
16      investigation requirements in subsection B of this Part or this  
17      subsection.

18           D. In the event the SCA objects to a lender, vendor or any  
19       other person or entity within subsection B or C of this Part seeking  
20       to do business with the enterprise, or to the continued holding of a  
21       license by such person or entity, it may notify the TCA of its  
22       objection. The notice shall set forth the basis of the objection  
23       with sufficient particularity to enable the TCA to investigate the  
24       basis of the objection. The SCA inspector and SCA inspector field

1 notes shall be available for TCA review and inquiry. Within a  
2 reasonable time after such notification, the TCA shall report to the  
3 SCA on the outcome of its investigation and of any action taken or  
4 decision not to take action.

5           Part 11. EXCLUSIVITY AND FEES

6           A. The parties acknowledge and recognize that this Compact  
7 provides tribes with substantial exclusivity and, consistent with  
8 the goals of IGRA, special opportunities for tribal economic  
9 opportunity through gaming within the external boundaries of  
10 Oklahoma in respect to the covered games. In consideration thereof,  
11 so long as the state does not change its laws after the effective  
12 date of this Compact to permit the operation of any additional form  
13 of gaming by any such organization licensee, or change its laws to  
14 permit any additional electronic or machine gaming within Oklahoma,  
15 the tribe agrees to pay the following fees:

16           1. The tribe covenants and agrees to pay to the state a fee  
17 derived from covered game revenues calculated as set forth in  
18 paragraph 2 of this subsection. Such fee shall be paid no later  
19 than the twentieth day of the month for revenues received by the  
20 tribe in the preceding month; and

21           2. The fee shall be:

22            a. four percent (4%) of the first Ten Million Dollars  
23                            (\$10,000,000.00) of adjusted gross revenues received  
24                            by a tribe in a calendar year from the play of

- electronic amusement games, electronic bonanza-style bingo games and electronic instant bingo games,
- b. five percent (5%) of the next Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) of adjusted gross revenues received by a tribe in a calendar year from the play of electronic amusement games, electronic bonanza-style bingo games and electronic instant bingo games,
- c. six percent (6%) of all subsequent adjusted gross revenues received by a tribe in a calendar year from the play of electronic amusement games, electronic bonanza-style bingo games and electronic instant bingo games, and
- d. ten percent (10%) of the monthly net win of the common pool(s) or pot(s) from which prizes are paid for nonhouse-banked card games. The tribe is entitled to keep an amount equal to state payments from the common pool(s) or pot(s) as part of its cost of operating the games.

Payments of such fees shall be made to the Treasurer of the State of Oklahoma. Nothing herein shall require the allocation of such fees to particular state purposes, including, but not limited to, the actual costs of performing the state's regulatory responsibilities hereunder.

1       B. Annual oversight assessment. In addition to the fee  
2 provided for in subsection A of this Part, the state shall be  
3 entitled to payment for its costs incurred in connection with the  
4 oversight of covered games to the extent provided herein, "annual  
5 oversight assessment". The annual oversight assessment, which shall  
6 be Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00), shall be determined  
7 and paid in advance on a fiscal year basis for each twelve (12)  
8 months ending on June 30 of each year.

9       C. Upon the effective date of this Compact, the tribe shall  
10 deposit with the SCA the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)  
11 ("start-up assessment"). The purpose of the start-up assessment  
12 shall be to assist the state in initiating its administrative and  
13 oversight responsibilities hereunder and shall be a one-time payment  
14 to the state for such purposes.

15       D. Nothing in this Compact shall be deemed to authorize the  
16 state to impose any tax, fee, charge or assessment upon the tribe or  
17 enterprise except as expressly authorized pursuant to this Compact;  
18 provided that, to the extent that the tribe is required under  
19 federal law to report prizes awarded, the tribe agrees to copy such  
20 reports to the SCA.

21       E. In consideration for the covenants and agreements contained  
22 herein, the state agrees that it will not, during the term of this  
23 Compact, permit the nontribal operation of any machines or devices  
24 to play covered games or electronic or mechanical gaming devices

1 otherwise presently prohibited by law within the state in excess of  
2 the number and outside of the designated locations authorized by the  
3 State-Tribal Gaming Act. The state recognizes the importance of  
4 this provision to the tribe and agrees, in the event of a breach of  
5 this provision by the state, to require any nontribal entity which  
6 operates any such devices or machines in excess of such number or  
7 outside of the designated location to remit to the state at least  
8 quarterly no less than fifty percent (50%) of any increase in the  
9 entities' adjusted gross revenues following the addition of such  
10 excess machines. The state further agrees to remit at least  
11 quarterly to eligible tribes, as liquidated damages, a sum equal to  
12 fifty percent (50%) of any increase in the entities' adjusted gross  
13 revenues following the addition of such excess machines. For  
14 purposes of this Part, "eligible tribes" means those tribes which  
15 have entered into this Compact and are operating gaming pursuant to  
16 this Compact within forty-five (45) miles of an entity which is  
17 operating covered game machines in excess of the number authorized  
18 by, or outside of the location designated by, the State-Tribal  
19 Gaming Act. Such liquidated damages shall be allocated pro rata to  
20 eligible tribes based on the number of covered game machines  
21 operated by each Eligible Tribe in the time period when such  
22 adjusted gross revenues were generated.

23 F. In consideration for the covenants and agreements contained  
24 herein, the tribe agrees that in the event it has currently or  
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1 locates in the future a facility within a radius of twenty (20)  
2 miles from a recipient licensee as that term is defined in  
3 subsection K of Section 263 of this title that it shall comply with  
4 the requirements of subsection K of Section 263 of this title.

5 Part 12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

6 In the event that either party to this Compact believes that the  
7 other party has failed to comply with any requirement of this  
8 Compact, or in the event of any dispute hereunder, including, but  
9 not limited to, a dispute over the proper interpretation of the  
10 terms and conditions of this Compact, the following procedures may  
11 be invoked:

12 1. The goal of the parties shall be to resolve all disputes  
13 amicably and voluntarily whenever possible. A party asserting  
14 noncompliance or seeking an interpretation of this Compact first  
15 shall serve written notice on the other party. The notice shall  
16 identify the specific Compact provision alleged to have been  
17 violated or in dispute and shall specify in detail the asserting  
18 party's contention and any factual basis for the claim.

19 Representatives of the tribe and state shall meet within thirty (30)  
20 days of receipt of notice in an effort to resolve the dispute;

21 2. Subject to the limitation set forth in paragraph 3 of this  
22 Part, either party may refer a dispute arising under this Compact to  
23 arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association  
24 (AAA), subject to enforcement or pursuant to review as provided by

1 paragraph 3 of this Part by a federal district court. The remedies  
2 available through arbitration are limited to enforcement of the  
3 provisions of this Compact. The parties consent to the jurisdiction  
4 of such arbitration forum and court for such limited purposes and no  
5 other, and each waives immunity with respect thereto. One  
6 arbitrator shall be chosen by the parties from a list of qualified  
7 arbitrators to be provided by the AAA. If the parties cannot agree  
8 on an arbitrator, then the arbitrator shall be named by the AAA.  
9 The expenses of arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties.

10 A party asserting noncompliance or seeking an interpretation of  
11 this Compact under this section shall be deemed to have certified  
12 that to the best of the party's knowledge, information, and belief  
13 formed after reasonable inquiry, the claim of noncompliance or the  
14 request for interpretation of this Compact is warranted and made in  
15 good faith and not for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to  
16 cause unnecessary delay or the needless incurring of the cost of  
17 resolving the dispute. If the dispute is found to have been  
18 initiated in violation of this Part, the Arbitrator, upon request or  
19 upon his or her own initiative, shall impose upon the violating  
20 party an appropriate sanction, which may include an award to the  
21 other party of its reasonable expenses incurred in having to  
22 participate in the arbitration; and

23 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law, either party to the  
24 Compact may bring an action against the other in a federal district

1 court for the de novo review of any arbitration award under  
2 paragraph 2 of this Part. The decision of the court shall be  
3 subject to appeal. Each of the parties hereto waives immunity and  
4 consents to suit therein for such limited purposes, and agrees not  
5 to raise the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution or  
6 comparable defense to the validity of such waiver.

7 Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize a money judgment  
8 other than for damages for failure to comply with an arbitration  
9 decision requiring the payment of monies.

10       Part 13. CONSTRUCTION OF COMPACT; FEDERAL APPROVAL

11       A. Each provision, section, and subsection of this Compact  
12 shall stand separate and independent of every other provision,  
13 section, or subsection. In the event that a federal district court  
14 shall find any provision, section, or subsection of this Compact to  
15 be invalid, the remaining provisions, sections, and subsections of  
16 this Compact shall remain in full force and effect, unless the  
17 invalidated provision, section or subsection is material.

18       B. Each party hereto agrees to defend the validity of this  
19 Compact and the legislation in which it is embodied. This Compact  
20 shall constitute a binding agreement between the parties and shall  
21 survive any repeal or amendment of the State-Tribal Gaming Act.

22       C. The parties shall cooperate in seeking approval of this  
23 Compact from an appropriate federal agency as a tribal-state compact  
24 under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

1       D. The standards for electronic bonanza-style bingo games,  
2 electronic instant bingo games and electronic amusement games  
3 established in the State-Tribal Gaming Act as enacted in 2004, and,  
4 at the election of the tribe, any standards contained in the  
5 Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission rules issued pursuant to subsection  
6 B of Section 268 of this title are hereby incorporated in this  
7 Compact and shall survive any repeal of the State-Tribal Gaming Act,  
8 or any games authorized thereunder. In the event that any of said  
9 standards are changed by amendment of the State-Tribal Gaming Act,  
10 the tribe shall have the option to incorporate said changes into  
11 this Compact by delivery of written notice of said changes to the  
12 Governor and the SCA.

13       Part 14. NOTICES

14       All notices required under this Compact shall be given by  
15 certified mail, return receipt requested, commercial overnight  
16 courier service, or personal delivery, to the following persons:

17       Governor

18       Chair, State-Tribal Relations Committee

19       Attorney General

20       [Principal Chief, Governor or Chair]

21       [Name of Tribe]

22       [Address]

23       With copies to:

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2                   Part 15. DURATION AND NEGOTIATION

3                   A. This Compact shall become effective upon the last date of  
4 the satisfaction of the following requirements:

5                   1. Due execution on behalf of the tribe, including obtaining  
6 all tribal resolutions and completing other tribal procedures as may  
7 be necessary to render the tribe's execution effective;

8                   2. Approval of this Compact by the Secretary of the Interior as  
9 a tribal-state compact within the meaning of IGRA and publication in  
10 the Federal Register or satisfaction of any other requirement of  
11 federal law; and

12                   3. Payment of the start-up assessment provided for in  
13 subsection C of Part 11 of this Compact.

14                   B. This Compact shall have a term which will expire on January  
15 1, 2020, and at that time, if organization licensees or others are  
16 authorized to conduct electronic gaming in any form other than pari-  
17 mutuel wagering on ~~live~~ horse racing pursuant to any governmental  
18 action of the state or court order following the effective date of  
19 this Compact, the Compact shall automatically renew for successive  
20 additional fifteen-year terms; provided that, within one hundred  
21 eighty (180) days of the expiration of this Compact or any renewal  
22 thereof, either the tribe or the state, acting through its Governor,  
23 may request to renegotiate the terms of subsections A and E of Part  
24 11 of this Compact.

1       C. This Compact shall remain in full force and effect until the  
2       sooner of expiration of the term or until the Compact is terminated  
3       by mutual consent of the parties.

4       D. This Compact may be terminated by state upon thirty (30)  
5       days' prior written notice to the tribe in the event of either (1) a  
6       material breach by the tribe of the terms of a tobacco Compact with  
7       the state as evidenced by a final determination of material breach  
8       from the dispute resolution forum agreed upon therein, including  
9       exhaustion of all available appellate remedies therefrom, or (2) the  
10      tribe's failure to comply with the provisions of Section 346 et seq.  
11      of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, provided that the tribe may  
12      cure either default within the thirty-day notice period, or within  
13      such additional period as may be reasonably required to cure the  
14      default, in order to preserve continuation of this Compact.

15      The state hereby agrees that this subsection is severable from  
16      this Compact and shall automatically be severed from this Compact in  
17      the event that the United States Department of the Interior  
18      determines that these provisions exceed the state's authority under  
19      IGRA.

20      Part 16. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE

21      This Compact, as an enactment of the people of Oklahoma, is  
22      deemed approved by the State of Oklahoma. No further action by the  
23      state or any state official is necessary for this Compact to take  
24      effect upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior and

1 publication in the Federal Register. The undersigned tribal  
2 official(s) represents that he or she is duly authorized and has the  
3 authority to execute this Compact on behalf of the tribe for whom he  
4 or she is signing.

5 APPROVED:

6 [Name of Tribe]

7 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

8 [CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER]

9 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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