



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Indian Gaming; Approval by operation of law Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact Amendment between the Ho Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the approval by operation of law the 2024 Amendments to the Ho Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1992, as Amended in 1999, 2003, and 2008 governing the operation and regulation of class III gaming activities. The 2024 Amendment adds event wagering and geofenced remote wagering as authorized class III gaming, provides for minimum internal control standards to conduct event wagering, changes exclusivity payment deduction limits and types of qualifying expenses, and adds additional class III facility locations.

DATES: The Amendment takes effect on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, IndianGaming@bia.gov; (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, (IGRA) provides the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with 45 days to review and approve or disapprove the Tribal-State compact governing the conduct of class III gaming activity on the Tribe's Indian lands. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8). If the Secretary does not approve or disapprove a Tribal-State compact within the 45 days, IGRA provides the Tribal-State compact is considered to have been approved by the Secretary, but only to the

extent the compact is consistent with IGRA. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(D). The IGRA also requires the Secretary to publish a notice in the *Federal Register* of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(D). The Department's regulations at 25 CFR 293.4 require all compacts and amendments to be reviewed and approved by the Secretary prior to taking effect. The Secretary took no action on the 2024 Amendments to the Ho Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1992, as Amended in 1999, 2003, and 2008 within the 45-day statutory review period. Therefore, the Compact is considered to have been approved, but only to the extent it is consistent with IGRA. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(C).

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Exercising by Delegation the Authority of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs.

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