

**Keeping PA Casinos Competitive – Rivers Casino Pittsburgh**  
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**Key Points:**

- Casinos need to be able to quickly offer patrons the newest slot machines and electronic table games.
- For immediate installation, allow a recognized third-party testing lab to approve new slot machines and electronic table games.
- Skill based games are an emerging technology in gaming industry.
- Online gaming represents a long term opportunity to increase the health and financial performance of the brick and mortar casino industry in PA.
- Based on fairness, Rivers opposes issuance of additional licenses for Category 3 Licenses and opposes removing existing gaming area access restrictions and/or increasing the number of permitted slot machines and/or table games.
- Rivers opposes Video Gaming Terminals (VGT's)
  - Weaken the financial condition of casinos
  - Discourages existing casinos from making future capital investments in their facilities
  - Lost jobs, little investment and no responsible gaming initiatives
- In favor of implementing serious sanctions designed to deter underage gambling
  - Fines and six months driver's license suspension
- In favor of responsible gaming with Check Cashing and Cash Advance services
  - Operate cash advance out of the casino and accept other casino checks.