

Keeping PA Casinos Competitive – Mt. Airy Casino Resort
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Key Points:

- New table games and slots can take months or even up to a year for approval from the PGCB testing lab. This significantly impacts the ability of PA casinos to offer the newest games.
- Many states allow machines to be tested and approved by an independent lab rather than a state-owned lab. Mt Airy would like game manufactures to have the option to either use an independent lab or allow machines that have been approved by an independent lab to be available on a casino floor while the PGCB's lab is testing the new product.
- The position of pit manager is no longer needed. Most jurisdictions have eliminated the pit manager requirement.
- Mt. Airy would like to have wide-area progressive slot machines. WAPs are slots that are connected electronically to other WAPs in other casinos. This permits a higher jackpot. WAPs are very popular in other states.
- Exclusion lists are currently administrated by paper. Mt Airy would like the PGCB to move to an electronic system that allows casinos to have real-time electronic access to exclusion lists.
- Employees under the age of 21 should not be required to have security escorts within the casino while off-duty and leaving the facility.
- Give casinos more flexibility with establishing minimum security staffing.
- Eliminate the \$2,500 daily cap on personal checks.
- Eliminate the licensing of non-gaming vendors. This prevents many local, small and some minority-owned businesses from providing services to casinos.
- Permit drinking hours past 2AM. Currently, there is a 55% decline in slots play after 2AM.
- Mt. Airy would like sports wagering legalized along with the ability to offer bingo.
- Mt. Airy would like category 2 and 3 casinos to have off-tracking betting.