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RONNIE JONES
CHAIRMAN

## IN RE: HAS, LLC D/B/A AAA LOUNGE NO. 1001117341

## **ORDER**

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of February 20, 2017. The Hearing Officer's order dated February 7, 2017, based on the "Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement" in the matter of the "Notice of Recommendation of Revocation", by and between HAS, LLC d/b/a AAA Lounge, No. 1001117341, and the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is **APPROVED**.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 20th day of February, 2017.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

BY:

RONNIE JONES, CHAIRMAN

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### LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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RE: HAS, LLC D/B/A AAA LOUNGE CASE NO.: 1001117341

#### JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

#### TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:

NOW COME the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police (hereinafter, the "Division") and HAS, LLC d/b/a AAA Lounge (hereinafter, "Licensee"), who file this Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and in support thereof would respectively show unto the Hearing Officer as follows:

1.

The Division and Licensee are desirous of compromising and settling all disputes between them relative to the referenced administrative proceeding. In connection therewith, the parties have entered into a Compromise and Settlement Agreement, which by its terms will become effective upon approval by the Administrative Hearing Office and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

2.

A true and correct copy of the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference for all purposes.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Division and Licensee respectfully request that this Honorable Administrative Hearing Officer approve the parties' Compromise and Settlement Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bv:

Joseph B. Heacook, Jr., Member HAS, LLC d/b/a AAA Lounge 1205 13th Street

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RE: HAS, LLC D/B/A AAA LOUNGE

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#### COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police (hereinafter, the "Division") and HAS, LLC d/b/a AAA Lounge (hereinafter, "Licensee"), do hereby represent and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board has sent a Notice of Recommendation of Revocation to Licensee, which Notice contains allegations of certain violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law; and

WHEREAS, the issues raised by said Notice are set for hearing before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office.

WHEREAS, the Division and Licensee are desirous of fully and finally compromising and settling all issues and disputes arising out of and in connection with said Notice;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto do hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

#### **STIPULATIONS**

- 1. The Licensee is a Type 1 licensed establishment located at 1205 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70601.
- 2. On or about January 8, 2016, the Division mailed a Video Gaming Advisory Notice to Licensee informing them of the requirement to submit the annual fee and forms no later than July 1, 2016.
- 3. On October 13, 2016, Licensee submitted its annual affidavit and supporting documents, but the local and state sales tax clearance certificates were omitted.
- 4. On October 17, 2016, the Division attempted to mail the rejected annual affidavit, annual fee, and supporting documents to Licensee, but they were mistakenly sent to an incorrect physical address.
- 5. On January 19, 2017, the rejected documents were returned to the Division, marked, "Return to Sender, Unclaimed, and Unable to Forward".
- 6. Licensee failed to timely submit the required annual fee and supporting documents, in violation of La. R.S. 27:435(K)(4)(d) and LAC 42:XI.2405(B)(4).
- 7. The Division initially recommended revocation and on January 24, 2017, the Division requested that the recommendation for revocation be converted to an administrative action.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. In lieu of administrative action, Licensee will pay a penalty of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY and NO/100 (\$750.00) DOLLARS for its violation of La. R.S. 27:435(K)(4)(d) and LAC 42:XI.2405(B)(4).
- 2. The Division hereby agrees that payment of a total penalty of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY and NO/100 (\$750.00) DOLLARS shall be in full and final settlement of all matters set forth in the Notice of Recommendation of Revocation.
- 3. The Division reserves the right to take into consideration this admitted violation in connection with any future investigation, violation or assessment of penalty and in connection with any future assessments of Licensee's suitability.
- 4. The terms of this Compromise and Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Louisiana.
- 5. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and Licensee, pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties.
- 6. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Hearing Officer and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. It is expressly understood that if this proposed settlement is approved by the Hearing Officer, this agreement is not thereby executory, but will be submitted to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board for its determination as to whether to approve same or to remand the matter to the Hearing Officer for a full hearing on the merits.
- 7. If approved, Licensee agrees to make full payment of the civil penalty within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

Licensee agrees that failure to meet this requirement shall result in immediate suspension of the gaming license without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

I have read this entire Compromise and Settlement Agreement and agree to all stipulations and terms and conditions hereof.

Joseph B. Heacook, Jr., Member HAS, LLC d/b/a AAA Lounge

Kanick Lewis, Jr., on behalf of

State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety &

Corrections, Office of State Police

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the for consideration the Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the parties having appeared by and through their respective attorneys of record or representing themselves, and the Hearing Officer having considered the pleadings on file, the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the said Motion, and it appearing to the Hearing Officer that the said Compromise and Settlement Agreement should be approved; it is, therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Compromise and Settlement Agreement attached to the parties' Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement be, and the same is hereby, APPROVED; that HAS, LLC d/b/a AAA Lounge must pay SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY AND NO/100 (\$750.00) DOLLARS to the Division within fifteen (15) days of approval by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Failure to do so shall result in the immediate suspension of the gaming license without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 7th day of

Rouge, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD **HEARING OFFICE** 

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DOCKET CLERK, ADMIN. HEARING OFFICE

-Joseph Heacook dr.

RICHARD L. REYNOLDS **HEARING OFFICER** 

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