

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Suspension of the )  
License to Conduct Gambling Activities of: ) NO. CR 2009-01355  
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Anthony J. Thomas ) **FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS,**  
Lakewood, Washington, ) **DECISION, AND FINAL**  
) **ORDER IN DEFAULT**  
Licensee. )

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THE MATTER of the suspension of the license to conduct gambling activities of Anthony J. Thomas having come before the Commission on January 15, 2010, the State being represented by Jerry Ackerman, Senior Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and issues the following Decision and Order:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

I.

The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Anthony J. Thomas the following license No. 68-29259, formerly employed by the Macau Casino. This license which expires on May 21, 2010, was issued subject to Mr. Thomas' compliance with state gambling laws, and Washington State Gambling Commission rules.

II.

On October 21, 2009, Director Rick Day, issued administrative charges to Mr. Thomas by certified and regular mail. The administrative charges notified Mr. Thomas that his failure to respond would result in the entry of a default order suspending his license. Mr. Thomas did not respond to charges.

By not responding to the charges, Anthony J. Thomas waived his right to a hearing on such charges and pursuant to RCW 34.05.440, this final order may be entered in default.

III.

- On June 29, 2009, the licensee allowed a minor to gamble at the Macau Casino in Lakewood, Washington, violating WAC 230-06-010.
- On July 27, 2009, the licensee was issued a Notice of Violation and Settlement<sup>1</sup> (NOVAS) with a \$200 fine, for allowing a minor to gamble. As of October 19, 2009, Mr. Thomas had not paid the NOVAS.
- Therefore, grounds exist to suspend Mr. Thomas' license under RCW 9.46.075(1) and WAC 230-03-085(1).

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<sup>1</sup>The Notice of Violation and Settlement (NOVAS) identifies the violation and gives the recipient the opportunity to pay a fine to settle the matter.

**RCW 9.46.075 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit** states:  
The Commission may suspend or revoke any license issued by it, for any reason or reasons, it deems to be in the public interest. These reasons shall include, but not be limited to, cases wherein the applicant or licensee, or any person with any interest therein:  
(The following subsection applies.)

(1) Has violated, failed or refused to comply with the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations or duties imposed by chapter 9.46 RCW and any amendments thereto, or any rules adopted by the Commission pursuant thereto, or when a violation of any provision of chapter 9.46 RCW, or any Commission rule, has occurred upon any premises occupied or operated by any such person or over which he or she has substantial control.

**WAC 230-03-085 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit** states:  
We may deny, suspend, or revoke any application, license or permit, when the applicant, licensee, or anyone holding a substantial interest in the applicant's or licensee's business or organization:  
(The following subsection applies.)

(1) Commits any act that constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or permits under RCW 9.46.075.

**WAC 230-06-010 Age restriction for players** states:  
No person must allow anyone under the age of eighteen to participate in gambling activities except:  
(The following subsections apply.)

- (1) To play in licensed bingo games when accompanied by an adult member of his or her immediate family or a guardian, who is at least eighteen years old; or
- (2) To play bingo at agricultural fairs or school carnivals; or
- (3) To play amusement games; or
- (4) To sell raffle tickets for a charitable or nonprofit organization.

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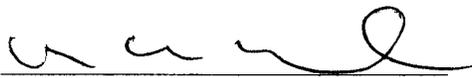
**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The circumstances specified in the Findings of Facts in section III above constitute grounds for the suspension of Anthony J. Thomas's license to conduct gambling activities under the authority of RCW 9.46.075, and WAC 230-03-085.

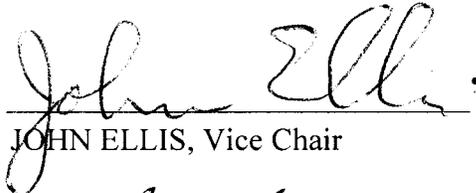
**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Washington State Gambling Commission HEREBY ORDERS: Anthony J. Thomas's license to conduct gambling activities is SUSPENDED FOR 30 DAYS.

DATED this 15 day of January 2010.



KEVEN ROJECKI, Chair



JOHN ELLIS, Vice Chair



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**NOTICE:** RCW 34.05.440(3) provides that within seven (7) days after service of a default order the party against whom it was entered may file a written motion requesting that the order be vacated and stating the grounds relied upon.

Motions must be mailed to:

Washington State Gambling Commission  
Communications & Legal Division  
PO Box 42400  
Olympia, Washington 98504-2400

Or delivered in person or via private courier:

Washington State Gambling Commission  
Communications and Legal Division  
4565 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Lacey, Washington 98503

