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### **The Massachusetts Gaming Commission Votes to Find Plainridge Park Casino Preliminarily Suitable for a Category 1 Sports Wagering Operator License**

During a public meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) where Plainridge Park Casino (PPC) presented and Commissioners reviewed that entity's application for a sports wagering operator license, Commissioners voted unanimously to find PPC preliminarily suitable for a temporary Category 1 sports wagering operator license. In doing so, Commissioners placed two conditions on that vote.

Commissioners required that the licensee agrees that no persons under the age of 21 will be permitted entrance into any live Barstool College Football Show events. Additionally, the licensee must fully cooperate with the IEB, which will conduct an investigation of Barstool Sports, Inc. in connection with the licensee's branding.

The MGC set a goal to launch retail sports wagering in late January 2023 and online/mobile sports wagering in March 2023.

Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 23N directs the MGC to award Category 1 sports wagering licenses to those entities that hold a gaming license under MGL Chapter 23K should that entity seek to offer sports wagering, meet requirements set forth by the MGC and pay associated fees. A Category 1 sports wagering license also permits the holder to offer sports wagering through no more than two individually branded mobile applications or other digital platforms approved by the MGC. However, those platforms must be qualified for and issued a Category 3 sports wagering license according to MGL Chapter 23N. The Caesars Sportsbook license would be tethered to the Category 1 license awarded to Encore Boston Harbor.

PPC is now eligible to request a temporary license to conduct sports wagering while a full suitability review is undertaken by the MGC. Following a temporary license being granted, PPC must obtain an operations certificate and meet additional conditions before they can accept wagers on approved sporting events. More information on a universal launch for retail wagering, followed by online wagering will be released as it becomes available.

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