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GEORGIA BILL ADVANCES

Being touted as COVID relief, a bill for a November referendum to allow casinos, horse racing and sports betting has passed the House Regulated Industries committee.

If approved, local referendums would also be necessary to allow hosting casinos racetracks and sportsbooks.

Senate Resolution 814 will need two-thirds majorities to be enacted. If it does pass, local referendums would be required by communities hosting gaming or horseracing.

LOUISIANA TAX RELIEF, TOO

Legislation to let Louisiana casinos offer up to \$5 million in promotional play be tax free will be up for a House vote next as it passed its final House committee.

The bill is expected to provide about \$83 million in relief to the casinos struck by pandemic closures.

MACAU TRAVEL BUBBLE DELAYED

Hong Kong's plans to form a travel bubble with Macau and Guangdong Province on the Chinese mainland have been delayed as Macau has to iron out quarantine requirements with the mainland, South China Morning Post reported.

Hong Kong also has quarantine requirements, but the travel bubble would exempt residents with certificates stating they are virus-free.

Some government, health and services employees are already exempt from the 14-day mandatory quarantine.

MOHEGAN, FOXWOODS SEE DEMAND

Connecticut's casinos Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods were busy in their first 14 days of operation since reopening June 1, the Day of New London reported.

Mohegan said its slot revenue was 10 percent higher than last year, though total revenue was down 20 percent as much of the operation was closed.

Foxwoods said it generated \$4 million in revenue share for the state. At a 25 percent share, that should translate to \$16 million in slot revenues.

The strong numbers came though customers were limited to only Connecticut and Rhode Island residents.

US, CANADA OPENINGS: CA, LVS, MGM, NB, NM, PA

- CALIFORNIA. Eagle Mountain Casino reopened Tuesday.
- LAS VEGAS SANDS' Marina Bay Sands in Singapore will reopen five restaurants on Friday. More than 200 retail outlets have already opened at the property.
- MGM RESORTS will reopen MGM National Harbor near Washington DC on Monday and Borgata in Atlantic City on July 6.
- NEW BRUNSWICK's casinos can reopen Friday.
- NEW MEXICO. Route 66 casino is reopening Saturday.

Dancing Eagle will remain closed until further notice.

INTERNATIONAL OPENINGS: CWN, NWGI, SCOTLAND

- CROWN RESORTS will reopen Crown Perth Saturday with one person permitted per six square feet.
- NEWGIOCO opened all betting shops in Italy.
- SCOTLAND. Betting shops can reopen Monday to offer transactional services only.

Seating and live racing streams will be prohibited, and fixed odds betting terminals must be shut off.

STEPS BACK: COSMO, OK

- COSMOPOLITAN. Two employees tested positive for COVID-19.
- OKLAHOMA. The Sac & Fox Nation closed the Black Hawk and Sac and Fox casinos after employees tested positive.

COMPANIES: KGM

- KGM GAMING launched a social distancing protection product line that includes panels and shields for table games, slots and kiosks.

US: LV, MA, NV

• LAS VEGAS' May unemployment rate fell five points from April to 29 percent. That was still six times higher than last year.

• MASSACHUSETTS Gaming Commission has finalized reopening guidelines, which limit attendance to 25 percent capacity.

Operators must enforce six feet of social distancing, but they can install plexiglass panels at slots.

Masks will be required and hand sanitizer must be provided.

There is still no opening date.

Guidelines: <https://massgaming.com/wp-content/uploads/Commissioners-Packet-6.23.20.pdf>.

- NEVADA. The Culinary Union once again asked the Nevada Gaming Control Board and Gov. Steve Sisolak to require casino customers to wear facemasks citing new COVID cases among some employees.

INTERNATIONAL: CHINA, UK

- CHINA lottery sales are steadily recovering since the country shut down early this year.

May sales were \$4.1 billion, 17 percent below last year but up from \$3.3 billion in April, \$1.5 billion in March and \$141,000 in February.

Sports Lottery fell 20.1 percent to \$2.2 billion and Welfare Lottery dropped 15 percent to \$1.9 billion.

- UNITED KINGDOM. Casinos were excluded from Prime Minister Boris Johnson's July 4 reopening plans that permit pubs, restaurants and theaters to open.

FANTINI'S VIRTUAL TRADE SHOW

As COVID-19 has caused the cancellation of many trade shows, now is the time to turn to a virtual show to display and advertise all your product lines and news events too. To exhibit your company, contact Dee Wild-Shyver at DWild@FantiniResearch.com.

See products, demos, and news from exhibitors at www.FantinisGamingShow.com.

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Shows and conferences have been canceled or postponed, due to the coronavirus outbreak. As new dates become available or for those that transition to webinars, they will be listed in our online calendar at <https://www.fantiniresearch.com/conventions.html>.

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