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Several issues have arisen regarding progressive linked slot machines within the premises of a single retail licensee. The following are the Division's responses to these issues.

Transfer from One Bank of Machines to Another

With prior notification and approval to the Division of Gaming, retail licensees may transfer the progressive liability from one progressive bank of slot machines to another within their licensed premises. The entire advertised progressive amounts or prizes or both must be transferred to the new bank. The advertised amount consists of both the base amount contributed by the retail licensee and the patron's contributions.

Probability of Winning

The progressive bank to which the jackpot is transferred to must have a comparable probability of winning to the original progressive bank. This means the patron must have the same or better theoretical chance of winning the jackpot on the new bank of machines as he had on the old bank of machines.

The Amount of the Wager

Upon transferring the progressive bank, the dollar amount of the wager must be equal or less than that of the old bank of machines. For example, where the original progressive jackpot on a quarter machine could be won with a three coin wager (75 cents), this progressive liability could not be transferred to a bank of dollar machines because any wager would exceed the original wager (75 cents) for the prize.

Conversely, if a retail licensee wishes to transfer the progressive jackpot liability from a bank of nickel machines (five coin, 25 cent wager) to a quarter bank of machines, the new wager would have to be one coin (25 cents).

Re-Opening of Licensed Establishment

After being closed, and upon reopening, a retail licensee must reactivate any progressive liabilities that were in effect upon closure. As an example, if Casino XYZ closes on December 31, 1992 with a progressive jackpot of \$20,000 and then reopens April 1, 1993, the progressive jackpot must be at least \$20,000 and all of the original conditions of winning (probability of winning and amount of wager) must be in place.