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Michigan Gaming Control Board authorizes BetMGM to enable shared liquidity for multi-state internet poker games

DETROIT, Nov. 6, 2024 — The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) is pleased to announce that BetMGM, the platform provider for MGM Grand Detroit, has been authorized to enable shared liquidity for multi-state internet poker games between Michigan and New Jersey. This decision comes in accordance with the Lawful Internet Gaming Act and the Multi-State Internet Gaming Agreement.

The authorization of shared liquidity will allow players from both states to participate in online poker games on a larger scale, providing a more engaging and competitive experience. This move is expected to boost the overall gaming industry and create new opportunities for players in both Michigan and New Jersey.

“This authorization represents a significant step forward in the development of online gaming within our state boundaries,” **MGCB Executive Director Henry Williams** said. “We are confident that the partnership with BetMGM will enhance the gaming experience for Michigan players and drive growth in the industry.”

BetMGM submitted a Multi-State Poker Submission Form to the MGCB in late May, requesting the ability to share multi-state internet poker games between Michigan and New Jersey. With the agency’s approval of their request, BetMGM is committed to complying with all regulations and ensuring a safe and secure gaming environment for all players.

The shared liquidity for multi-state internet poker games launched today, and the authorization allows BetMGM to offer games including No Limit Hold’em, Fixed Limit Hold’em, Pot Limit Omaha Hi, Pot Limit Omaha Hi-Lo, Fixed Limit 7-Card Stud Hi, and Fixed Limit 7-Card Stud Hi-Lo. Any new internet poker game(s) must be submitted to the MGCB for approval.

Currently, three licensed operators and providers offer online poker in Michigan: MGM Grand Detroit with BetMGM, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians with World Series of Poker, and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and provider PokerStars. PokerStars was approved to launch multi-state play on Jan. 1, 2023, and Caesars’ World Series of Poker was approved in May 2024.

In May 2022, Michigan joined the Multi-State Internet Gaming Agreement, allowing Michigan online poker players to join with players in other jurisdictions — Delaware, Nevada, New Jersey, and West Virginia — where licensed operators are authorized to conduct multi-state poker. Prior to the state joining MSIGA, Michigan poker players could play online only against other players located throughout the state.

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The Michigan Gaming Control Board shall ensure the conduct of fair and honest gaming to protect the interests of the citizens of the state of Michigan. Learn more at Michigan.gov/MGCB.