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Michigan Gaming Control Board orders BetUS to halt illegal online gambling operations in Michigan

DETROIT, May 7, 2025 — The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) has issued a cease-and-desist order to BetUS, an offshore gambling operator, for illegally offering internet gaming and sports betting to Michigan residents without proper licensure.

About BetUS

Founded in 1994 and based in Costa Rica, BetUS is one of the longest-standing online gambling platforms. The company claims to serve over a million clients globally, offering a wide range of betting options including sports betting, esports, casino games, and horse racing. Despite its extensive operations, BetUS is licensed only in the Comoros Union (Mwali) and is not authorized to conduct gambling activities in Michigan.

BetUS operates a comprehensive online platform that includes live betting, mobile access, and cryptocurrency transactions. It has been known for offering proposition bets on a variety of events, from sports to pop culture and politics.

Violation of Michigan Law

Investigations by the MGCB revealed that BetUS was accepting wagers from Michigan residents on various gambling activities, including sports and casino-style games, without the necessary state authorization. This operation violates Michigan's Lawful Internet Gaming Act, the Gaming Control and Revenue Act, and the Michigan Penal Code.

"Unlicensed operators like BetUS undermine the integrity of Michigan's regulated gaming market and expose consumers to potential risks," said **Henry Williams, MGCB Executive Director**. "The MGCB is committed to protecting Michigan residents by ensuring that all gambling activities are conducted legally and responsibly."

Cease-and-Desist Order

The cease-and-desist order mandates that BetUS immediately halt all operations involving Michigan residents. The company has 14 days to comply or face further legal action in coordination with the Michigan Department of Attorney General.

Reporting Suspicious Activity

The MGCB encourages residents to report any suspicious or illegal gambling activity by calling 1-888-314-2682 or emailing MIGamblingTip@michigan.gov.

*Gambling in any form is for entertainment purposes only. If you or someone you know may have a gambling problem, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at **1-800-GAMBLER**, text 800GAM, or visit www.1800gamblerchat.org. Help is available 24/7 and is free and confidential. Michigan citizens can also visit the [Responsible Gaming page of the MGCB website](#) for information on self-exclusion programs including the Disassociated Persons List and the Internet Gaming and Sports Betting Responsible Gaming Database, and DontRegretTheBet.org for additional tools to game responsibly.*

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.