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### **MGC Approves Proposed Rule Changes in DAP Program**

Jefferson City, Missouri - The Missouri Gaming Commission (MGC) has approved proposed rules changes altering the Disassociated Persons Program (DAP). The proposed changes include a five year option for those who apply and are accepted. This would allow a person just entering the program to remove themselves after a period of five years. Those on the list for five years or longer may petition the MGC to remove themselves.

MGC Chairman James Mathewson says "The DAP program has been in existence since 1996, and changes were needed. The Commission asked Staff to look into other state's programs. Missouri was one of only three states with a lifetime ban being the only option. Many people have indicated they aren't ready to commit to a lifetime ban but are interested in some other period of self-exclusion. We also needed to refine some of our rules regarding procedures, including streamlining the application process."

The approved changes now become part of the State's rulemaking process, and could become effective in March of 2012. There are currently over 16,000 people on the MGC DAP List. Those who are on the list are arrested for the Class B misdemeanor of trespass if found on a Missouri riverboat gaming casino floor.

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