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**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE - BPC**

**DIVISION 8. SPECIAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS [18400 - 22949.92.2]** ( Division 8 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 44. )

**CHAPTER 5. The Gambling Control Act [19800 - 19987]** ( Chapter 5 repealed and added by Stats. 1997, Ch. 867, Sec. 3. )

**ARTICLE 9. Conditions of Operation [19920 - 19924]** ( Article 9 added by Stats. 1997, Ch. 867, Sec. 3. )

**19920.** It is the policy of the State of California to require that all establishments wherein controlled gambling is conducted in this state be operated in a manner suitable to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the state. The responsibility for the employment and maintenance of suitable methods of operation rests with the owner licensee, and willful or persistent use or toleration of methods of operation deemed unsuitable by the commission or by local government shall constitute grounds for license revocation or other disciplinary action.

(Added by renumbering Section 19915A by Stats. 2002, Ch. 738, Sec. 85. Effective January 1, 2003.)

**19921.** (a) A person under 21 years of age is not permitted to enter upon the premises of a licensed gambling establishment, or any part thereof, except for the following areas:

(1) An area separated from a gambling area, used for a nongaming purpose, including for maintenance, parking, or business offices, or for the purpose of dining or food or beverage service or preparation. For purposes of this subdivision, a place where food or beverages are dispensed primarily by a vending machine is not a place for dining.

(2) Restrooms.

(3) A supervised room that is physically separated from a gambling area and used primarily for the purpose of entertainment or recreation.

(4) Those areas authorized in connection with employment in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 19911.

(b) A person who is under 21 years of age and not a gambling enterprise employee may enter upon or pass through a gambling area on a designated pathway to reach any of the areas described in paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, of subdivision (a) only if accompanied by a person or gambling enterprise employee who is 21 years of age or over.

(c) A person under 21 years of age shall not be permitted to loiter in a gaming area.

(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 432, Sec. 5. (AB 649) Effective January 1, 2020.)

**19922.** No owner licensee shall operate a gambling enterprise in violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(Added by renumbering Section 19916 by Stats. 2002, Ch. 738, Sec. 87. Effective January 1, 2003.)

**19923.** No owner licensee shall operate a gambling enterprise in violation of any governing local ordinance.

(Added by renumbering Section 19917 by Stats. 2002, Ch. 738, Sec. 88. Effective January 1, 2003.)

**19924.** Each owner licensee shall maintain security controls over the gambling premises and all operations therein related to gambling, and those security controls are subject to the approval of the commission.

(Added by renumbering Section 19918A by Stats. 2002, Ch. 738, Sec. 89. Effective January 1, 2003.)

