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Appellants,

VS.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, et al.,

Respondents.

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TAX

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NEVADA'S LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TAX



Effective 1/1/04, A live entertainment tax has been approved by the 20th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature. This tax is being administered by two state agencies, the Gaming Control Board for live entertainment events taking place within licensed gaming establishments; and the Department of Taxation for live entertainment events taking place outside of licensed gaming establishments. The live entertainment tax rate is two tiered. The questions and answers have been updated to include changes to Live Entertainment Tax approved by the 2005 Session of the Nevada Legislature effective as of July 1, 2005. (Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 368A-Tax on Live Entertainment; Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 368A-Tax on Live Entertainment). This information pertains to the Live Entertainment Tax administered by the Department of Taxation that takes place outside a licensed gaming establishment. If you are a licensed gaming establishment please refer to the Nevada Gaming Control Board website at http://gaming.nv.gov.

1. Q. What are the live entertainment tax rates?

The Live Entertainment Tax is two tiered with a 10% tax rate and a 5% tax rate based upon the "maximum occupancy" of the facility where live entertainment is taking place. The maximum occupancy threshold for the 10% tax rate was lowered by the 2005 Legislature.

(a) Effective 1/1/04 through 6/30/05, the 10% tax rate was applicable to admission charges, merchandise, food and refreshments sold at the event where the occupancy for patrons was at least 300 up to 7,499 at a non-gaming facility.

Effective 7/1/05, a non-gaming facility where the occupancy for patrons is at least 200 patrons up to 7,499 patrons, the tax rate is 10% on admission charges, merchandise, food and refreshments sold at the event.

(b) A non-gaming facilities and licensed gaming establishments where the occupancy for patrons is 7,500 or more patrons, the tax rate is 5% on admission charges only.

2. Q. How is "maximum occupancy" determined?

A. The "maximum occupancy" of the facility where the live entertainment is taking place is determined by using the following criteria in order of priority: a) The maximum occupancy established for the facility by the State Fire Marshall, or by other local government agency; b) If the facility occupancy is not established, then by the maximum occupancy designated on any permits required for the event; or c) If such a permit does not designate the maximum occupancy of the facility, the actual seating capacity of the facility will be used.

3. Q. What is the registration fee for live entertainment tax?

A. There is no registration fee for this tax. A taxpayer who intends to provide live entertainment at a facility that is not a licensed gaming establishment shall register with the Department of Taxation to collect the tax.

- 4. Q. What is the reporting frequency for live entertainment tax?
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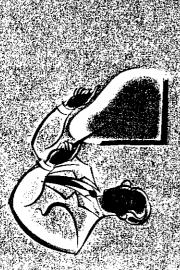
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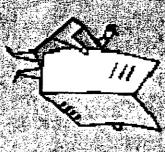


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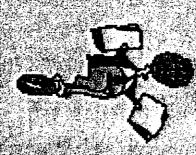
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Sales to or by Exempt agencies or

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Out-of-state sales
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USETAX

Who is required to be registered?

Any <u>business</u> who purchases tangible personal; property without paying Nevada sales tax is required to be registered and report the use tax on the purchase.

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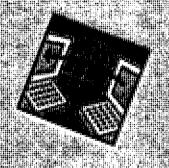


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Any fees?

Unlike sales tax, there are no permit fees for

consumers



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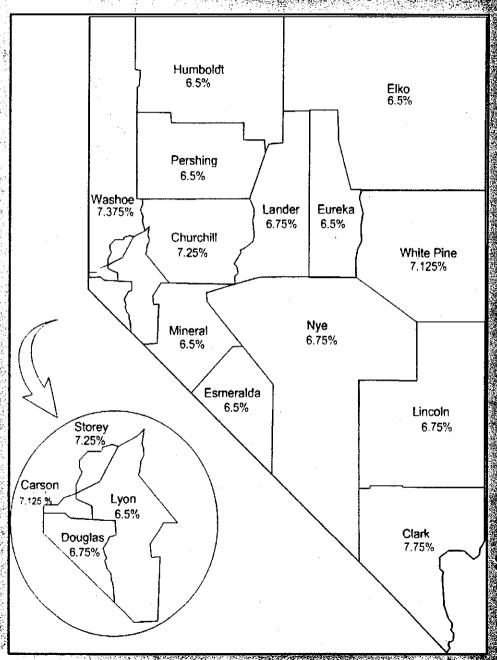
USE TAX

What's taxable?

- Contractors pay use tax on the building materials they use.
- Internet/Catalog Sales
- Delivery Charges for deliveries into Nevada

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Nevada's Sales & Use Tax rates vary by county.
Taxes are applied in the county the transaction takes place, or the county the delivery is made.

Nevada's Largest Cities

Las Vegas * Clark Co. * 7. 75%

Henderson * Clark Co. * 7..75%

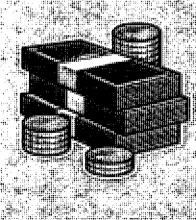
Reno * Washoe Co. *7.375%

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Carson City : Carson Co. * 7.125%

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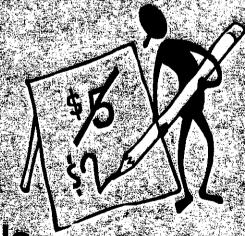
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SALESTAX

What's taxable?

- Gross Receipts
- Delivery Charges
- Not Discounts
- Tax inclusive
- Services associated with a sale



Absorption of Tax

- Taxpayers <u>CANNOT</u> advertise they will pay the sales tax (NRS 372.115)
- Taxpayers <u>CAN</u> state that "sales tax is included..." (NAC 372,760 (5))
- If there is no such statement on the invoice or a sign that states that sales tax is included, then the sale is subject to taxation on the entire amount or portion that is separated out relating to tangible personal property (NAC 372.760(5))

ADJUSTING SALES TAX

• Sales tax <u>included</u> in the price of the sale – Report the gross sales am—seles the amount allocated to tax.

Paying another state's tax legitimately:
 when that state tax rate is lower than
 Nevada's; the difference in the tax rate is
 due to Nevada. Report an amount to
 equal the difference in tax.

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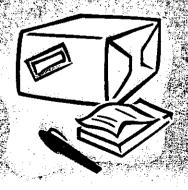
- -Standard prewritten program (NRS 360B.470)
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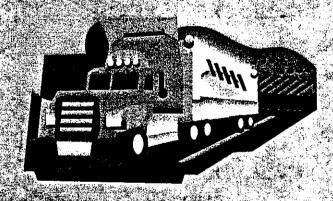
Not Taxable:

- -Custom Software (NAC 372.875)
- -Delivered electronically : (NR\$ 360B.420)
- -Modifications (NAC 372.885)

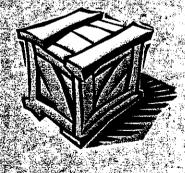
FREIGHT, TRANSPORTATION OR DELIVERY CHARGES

Most charges for freight, transportation or delivery included in the sale of tangible personal property is subject to sales and use tax









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Freight charges have been modified as follows:

- Tax is due at rate of the location where the shipment <u>LANDED!</u> (it no longer matters where title passed) (NRS 360B.360)
- Pass-through freight (UPS, post office, etc) which is not subject to any transportation by seller or additional handling, crating or packing by seller
 - not taxable! (NRS 360B.425)
- Allocation of freight charges: If a shipment of tangible personal property includes both taxable and exempt property, you may allocate a portion of the delivery charges to the exempt property, thus making that portion of the freight not taxable! (NRS 360B.255)

- Streamlined Tax is an effort to have similar tax laws throughout the country.
- Nevada was officially accepted as a full member on 4/1/2008. NRS 360B was added by the 2005 legislative process for this purpose.
- Some existing statutes under Chapter 372 of the NRS will be affected, with changes deemed to be retroactive to 2005.

- Bundled Transactions
 - A retail sale of two or more products in which only some of the products are normally taxable, distinct and identifiable from each other BUT sold together for a single nonitemized/non-negotiable price, then....
 - It's considered BUNDLED and....

the entire bundle is subject to sales tax!

- Bundled Transactions
 - Primary reason for transaction is a sale of a service, then....
 - the transaction is NOT considered bundled AND.....





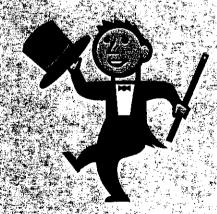
Use tax is due on the cost of the tangible personal property using the cost of the item to the retailer as the use taxable measure.



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TAX

(non-gaming)





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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TAX (Non-Gaming)

This is a Two-Tiered Tax Rate due monthly.
No registration fee required.

10% tax rate applicable-Seating Capacity (200-7499) (NRS 368A.200(a))

 On admission and cover charges, food, refreshments and merchandise sales. This is in addition to applicable sales tax on food, refreshments and merchandise sold:

5% tax rate applicable-Seating Capacity (7500 and over)(NRS 368A.200(b))

 On admission and cover charges only for Live Entertainment taking place at a facility with maximum seating capacity of 7,500 or more.

No tax-non-gaming facilities with a seating capacity of less than 200

NRS 3684

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TAX (Non-Gaming)

Live entertainment includes the following activities provided by professional or amateur persons:

- Live music or vocals
- Dancing by performers
- R Acting/drama
- Acrobatics/stunts
- Animal Stunts
- Athletic or sporting contests*
- Comedy or magic shows
- Any or all of the above

NRS 368A.090(2)(a)

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TAX (Non-Gaming)

Live entertainment does NOT include the following activities

- ## Boxing contest/exhibition governed by the Nevada

 Athletic Commission (NRS 467)
- # Provided by or for entities formed under IRS 501(c)
- **Entertainment prohibited to be taxed under other laws**
- **Entertainment provided at trade shows**
- # Food/product demonstrations of craft show
- 級 NASCAR racing events (as of 7/1/07)
- # Baseball event at a stadium in this state (as of 7/1/07)
- **M** Live entertainment in outdoor area with no admission

NRS 368A.200(5)

MODIFIED BUSINESS TAX

Who is required to be registered?

Any business who is required to pay a contribution pursuant to NRS 612.535

except......

Indian Tribe

Nonprofit organization under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)

Political subdivision

NRS 363A.030

NRS 363B.030

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MODIFIED BUSINESS TAX

What to report?

Wages taken from Employment Security Department (ESD) form NUCS 4072, line 3

NRS 363A.130

NRS 363B.110

What to deduct?

Deductions for <u>employer-paid</u> health insurance allowed

NRS 363A.135 NRS 363B.115

MODIFIED BUSINESS TAX

Employer-paid insurance deduction includes:

- 1. <u>Self-insured employer</u>: all amounts paid for claims, premiums, stop-loss, if the program is a qualified employee welfare benefit plan
- 2. Premiums for a policy of health insurance for employees
- 3. Payments to a Taft-Hartley trust

NRS 363A.135

NRS 363B.115

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MODIFIED BUSINESS FAX

Employer-paid insurance deduction <u>DOES NOT</u> include:

- 1. Amounts paid by the employee
- 2. Workmen's compensation insurance
- 3. Life insurance
- 4. Disability

NRS 363A.135

NRS 363B.115

MODIFIED BUSINESS FAX

Categories and Rates

General..... 0.63%

NRS 363B.110

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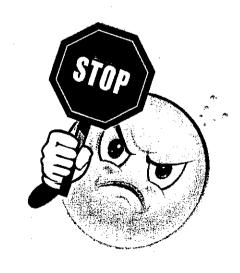
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MODIFIED BUSINESS TAX

COMMON ERRORS

- Wages not same as reported to Employment Security Department
- ▶ Forgot to take health insurance deduction
- ► Took health care deduction for insurance not authorized by NRS 363A or NRS 363B
- ► Took health care deduction for portion of premium that the employee paid.



CANCELING YOUR ACCOUNT

Closing your account:

If you close or sell your business, you must contact the Department. You can cancel your account by contacting us by phone, written correspondence or visiting us at one of our 5 district offices. However you choose to contact us, certain information will be required in order to expedite the canceling of your account and refund any security deposit or credits to which you may be entitled.



Electronic Filing Requirements

Effective July 1, 2008.....

All payments of money for taxes, interest, penalties or other obligations in the aggregate amount to \$10,000 or more MUST be made by electronic transfer....*

For more information and to register and pay your taxes, go to:

http://www.nevadatax.nv.gov/web

*SB 517, 2007 Legislative Session

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MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact your Revenue Officer;

702-486-2300 (Southern Nevada)

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- Department of Taxation website: http://www.tax.state.nv.us/
 - Taxpayer "What You Need to Know".
 questions and answers
 - Nevada Tax Notes
 - Copies of blank returns

Written Response

Most tax issues can be addressed by the Department of Taxation. Please be advised that any responses to inquires made to the Department are only binding if put in writing, such as Nevada Revised Statutes, Administrative Code, Nevada Tax Notes, or in written correspondence.

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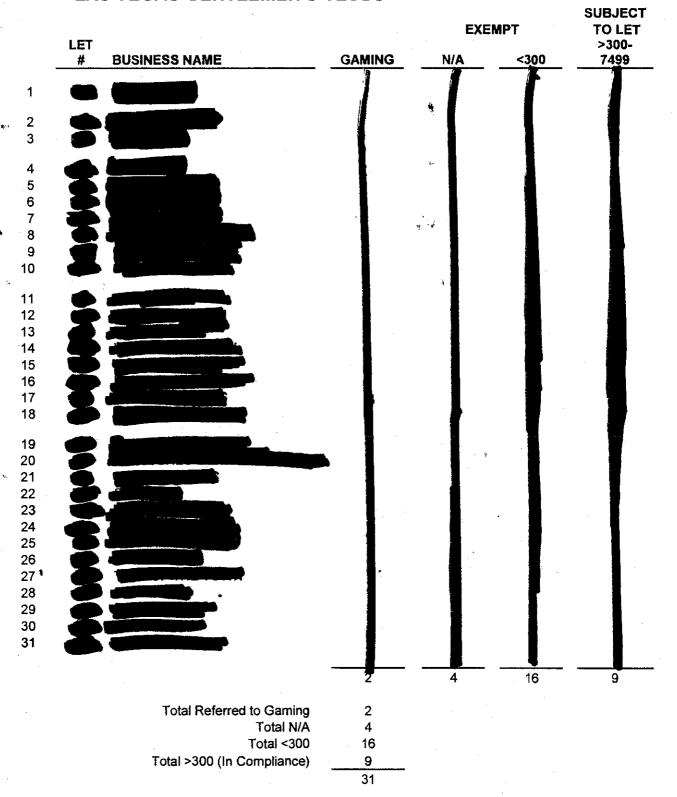
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Revenue Officer III
Nevada Department of Taxation
Compliance Division

DISTRICT-1 LAS VEGAS GENTLEMEN'S CLUBS



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MEMORANDUM

Date:

November 9, 2004

То:

Chuck Chinnock

From:

Cathy Chambers

CC:

Dino Di Cianno

Subject: Live Entertainment Tax information for LCB on Gentleman's Clubs

The total number of Gentleman's Clubs statewide is approximately 33. There are 4 in the Reno District all with seating capacity of less than 300; 2 in the Elko District both of which are currently below 300 seating capacity; Las Vegas District has the majority with 27 clubs operating. Of the 27 clubs, 2 have been referred to Gaming Control Board for LET registration, 16 have seating capacity of less than 300, and 9 with seating capacity of 300 to 7,499. Carson district does not have any of these specific types of clubs, only brothels with capacity for less than 300 patrons. See attached worksheet for reporting information.

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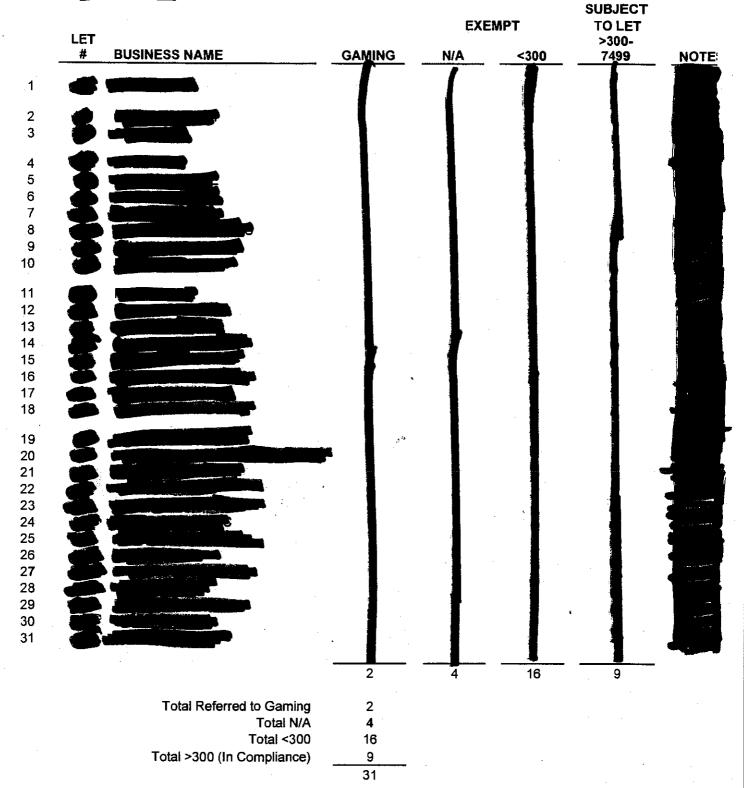
visit after they open this afternoon to verify that they are using that area for the dancers.

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DISTRICTGENTLEMEN'S CLUBS



Live Entertrament Fax Reported to Date - Gentleman's Clubs
10% LET tax rate on Admission Charges, Food, Drinks and Merchandise Sales

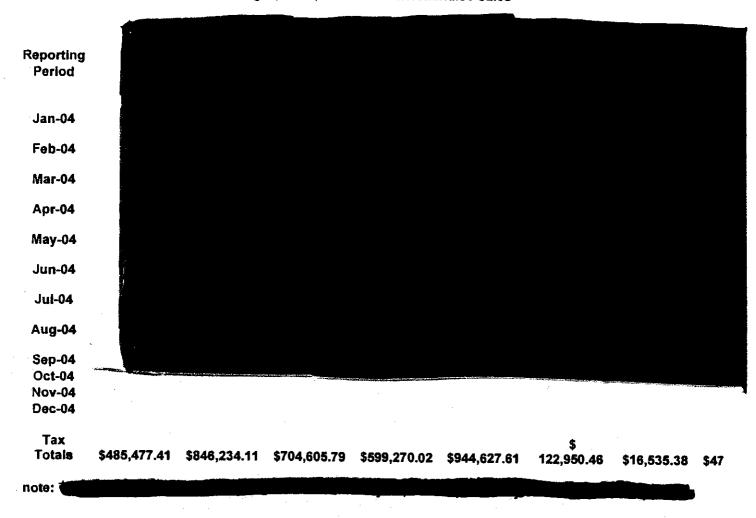


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MEMORANDUM

Date:

May 21, 2004

To:

Chuck Chinnock, Executive Director

From:

Cathy Chambers, Tax Division Manager - Reno

CC:

Dino Di Cianno, Deputy Executive Director - Compliance

Tom Summers, Deputy Executive Director – Administrative Services

Subject: Live Entertainment Tax Follow up for LCB Request

Information requested by LCB pertaining to Live Entertainment Tax will be addressed as listed in their memo:

1. Which businesses were notified of their potential liability of this tax.

Each district office reviewed the geographic areas or sub-districts for potential taxpayers, and prepared mailing lists for Live Entertainment Tax. The original Live Entertainment Tax database was formulated from these mailing lists.

Those potential taxpayers identified who were already registered with the Department of Taxation for other tax types were mailed a registration questionnaire (update request) for Live Entertainment Tax encoded with their existing account number to their address of record on December 10, 2003 including a return envelope to the Carson office.

We also identified potential Live Entertainment Taxpayers who were not already registered with the Department. An information sheet describing the Live Entertainment Tax and their potential liability for this tax was mailed on December 10, 2003. Included with this notification were a Nevada Business Registration (NBR) Form and a Supplemental Department of Taxation registration form and return envelope to the Carson office.

Finally, we identified Non-profit owner/operators of facilities in which Live Entertainment Events took place. We mailed an information sheet describing the Live Entertainment Tax and the potential liability for any persons who would be renting their facility to promote such an event, asking for their assistance in getting the word out on the Live Entertainment Tax effective January 1, 2004. We included a sample packet of the NBR etc. for them to copy and hand out to potential taxpayers.

All mailing included a Taxpayer Information handout which includes frequently asked questions and answers regarding Live Entertainment Tax, this is also posted on the Department's website.

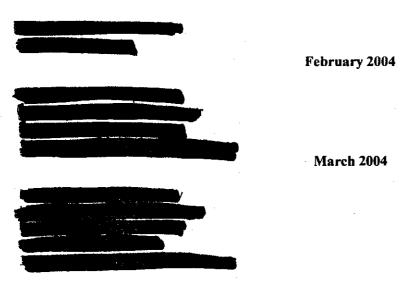
2. Which Businesses responded with payments:

The following businesses responded with payment for the 5% LET (7,500 seats or more):

January 2004

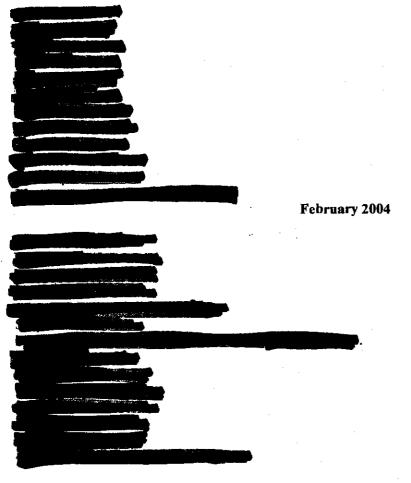
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The following businesses responded with payment for the 10% LET (300 to 7,499 seats):

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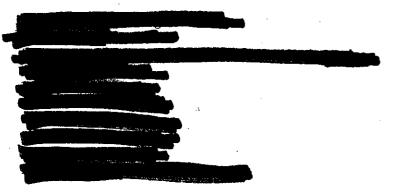


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- 3. Which businesses responded advising either they were not liable due to:
 - a. Being non-profit. Of the 366 original potential licensees contacted, 137 responded as being non-profit organizations and not subject to the Live Entertainment Tax.
 - b. Seating Capacity Below 300. Of the 366 original potential licensees contacted, 106 responded that the LET was not applicable to their business because the maximum seating capacity was below 300.
 - c. A change in seating capacity since the inception of the tax (July 2003). At this time, the Department is aware of the maximum seating capacity re-evaluated to a larger building. Department after the inception of the tax. This club uses only part of a larger building that was originally issued a maximum occupancy permit the building. See reports from individual districts explaining the process of changing maximum occupancy of a facility.
 - d. Discontinuation of Live Entertainment. At this time, the Department is aware of the state of
 - e. Potential licensees contacted by the Department that were found to be licensed gaming establishments reporting LET to Gaming Control Board. Of the original 366 original potential licensees, 37 have been cancelled with the Department because they belong to GCB.
- 4. Timing of events; review of when events are offered during the year; 1.e., timing of special events such as NASCAR, concerts, etc., that would have an impact on the payment of LET. See attached calendar of events.

E-mail attachments include northern and southern Nevada summary lists for LET as a little and a calendar of events for the large facilities statewide.

Requirements for changing maximum occupancy of a facility:

Code specifications to determine the maximum seating/load capacity. They all use editions from various years but the seating capacity is determined completely by the square feet. For instance, the 1997 UBC uses 7 square feet per person for seating, but if they were calculating a casino for example, they would use 11 square feet. They said that casinos are calculated differently because it would not be assumed that they would be putting seats in the casino. The only way that a business or facility could get their capacity changed would be to move or build a wall which would change the square footage of the area.

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She provided the following information. The fire department works with the building department in assessing the safe seating capacity allowances for facilities the final decision and issues the "maximum seating capacity" signs that are posted on these premises. They use a formula based on square footage and the type of activity multiplied by a preset number of people for a safe such as dancing versus a sit-down concert for the purpose of keeping a safe environment.
The promoter actually regulates the number of people walking through the door. But they are not bound by this seating capacity license for each activity. Neither the neither building department nor the fire department has an way to consistently regulate if the number of people at these events are exceeding the allowable limit for the facility. If the promoter/owner of the facility chooses to, for instance, remove stationary seats to reduce the number of occupants in the area, they are allowed to do so. The latest and the statest in which they reduced a meeting area from 300 to 150 for insurance purposes. When the building department inspects these facilities, they base their findings on the type of activity on a case by case basis. If the facility promoter permanently alters the physical space, such as adding a room, they would be re-evaluated by the building and fire departments for maximum seating capacity. The city business licensing authority explained that they requires s layout sketch when the live entertainment involves blocking off city streets and thoroughfares.
areas:
requests re-inspection by writing letter. Inspection is done within one week. New permit is issued (usually) within one month. No annual re-inspection. Any re-inspection is done as a response to a complaint or after an incident.
Taxpayer requests re-inspection by writing letter. Inspection of done within one week. New permit is issued (usually) within one month. There IS an annual re-inspection for nightclubs, cabarets, mens' clubs, etc. in
Now consolidated with Above Trules apply.
In all jurisdictions there is absolutely NO difficulty for a business to reduce the occupancy permit. A business owner merely requests the occupancy number (ie: from 450 currently permitted to, say 295, a convenient target number) and it will be granted upon inspection. In the words of the transfer ire Marshal, a lower number is better for us (Fire Dept.) for obvious safety reasons.
already E-mailed to you requirements for

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		Live	Entertainment T	ax	
	Seating Capacity of 300 to 7400				
		Total	Total Food	Total	Totai
	# of LET	Admission	Drink &	Taxable	Tax Reported
Period	Accounts	Charges	Merchandise	Amount	10% rate
Jan-04	199	1,155,844.82	3,456,675.41	4,612,520.23	461,252.02
Feb-04		1,408,008.33	4,348,609.16	5,756,617.49	
Mar-04	and the second of the second o	1,814,059.06		6,026,802.91	602,680.29
Арт-04	118	1,133,609.11	4,253,568.28	5,387,177.39	538,717.74
May-04		1,656,832.83	4,395,134.50	6,051,967.33	605,196.7
Jun-04		1,064,727.42	3,453,988.41	4,518,715.83	451,871.58
Jul-04	107	2,323,980.96	3,800,347.87	6,124,328.83	612,432.8
Aug-04	119	2,102,785.04	3,151,998,10	5,254,783.14	525,478.3
Sep-04		717,959.38	649,553.74	1,367,513.12	136,751.3
Oct-04					
Nov-04					
Dec-04			·		* I
otals		13,377,806.95	31,722,619.32	45,100,426.27	4,510,042.6
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TAX

Title of the Tax:	Live Entertainment Tax
Statutory Authority:	New Chapter
Basis of the Tax:	Live entertainment venues held outside a licensed gaming establishment
Procedure:	Transaction tax is added to the retail price of the admission charges and any food, drink or merchandise sold within the event.
Rate:	10% of admission charge if seating capacity is less than 7,500; 5% of admission charge if seating capacity is at least 7,500.
Distribution:	State General Fund
Exemptions:	Live entertainment not subject to this tax is any that the state is prohibited from taxing under the U. S. Constitution or Nevada State Constitution; any that is provided for the benefit of a non-profit religious, charitable, fraternal or other organization qualifying as tax-exempt pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501 (c); any boxing contest or exhibition governed by provisions of NRS 467; any that is not provided at a licensed gaming establishment with seating capacity of less than 300, any provided at a licensed gaming establishment licensed for less than 51 slots and less than 6 games as defined above with a seating capacity of less than 300; any live entertainment provided at a trade show; music performed by a musician moving throughout the audience if no other form of live entertainment is provided; and entertainment that is provided in a common area such as a shopping mall.
Yield:	
	Department Requirements
Existing Workload	None.
Impact – New Workload	Not determined at this time. Requires adding tax type to existing ACES accounts and registering new accounts. This will generate filing, processing, and collecting of separate monthly tax returns.
Regulations	New Chapter.
Resources – Costs, Equipment, Manpower, Space	Staff - 11 personnel FY 2004 & 2005 Total Department Cost - \$ 1,139,839
Lead Time	One quarter to implement. Report month ending January 31, 2004.
Information	Program ACES – treat as a monthly tax type. Existing ACES system to be replaced with a

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Technology	Unified Tax System. See Department IT Options.
Statute Changes	New Chapter.

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NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR DISCUSSION ON AUGUST 27TH

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TAX

(To create Department of Taxation regulations for live entertainment tax provisions of Senate Bill 8, adopted during the 20th special session of the Nevada Legislature and signed into law on July 22, 2003, effective January 1, 2004)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires;

"Admission charge" means the total amount expressed in terms of money, of consideration paid for the right or privilege to have access to a facility where live entertainment is provided. This term includes, but is not limited to, any amount identified as an admission price, an entertainment fee, a cover charge or a required minimum purchase of food, refreshments or merchandise.

"Board" means the State Gaming Control Board.

"Boxing" has the meaning ascribed to "unarmed combat" pursuant to NRS 467.0107.

"Business" means any activity engaged in by a business entity for gain, benefit or advantage, direct or indirect, to any person or government entity.

"Business entity" includes:

- 1. A corporation, partnership, proprietorship, limited-liability company, business association, joint venture, limited-liability partnership, business trust and their equivalents organized under the laws of this state or another jurisdiction and any other type of entity that engages in business.
- 2. A natural person engaging in a business entity that is required to file with the Internal Revenue Service a Schedule C (Form 1040), Profit or Loss From Business Form, or its equivalent or successor form, or a Schedule E (Form 1040), Supplemental Income and Loss Form or its equivalent or successor form, for the business.
- "Commission" means the Nevada tax commission.
- "Department" means the department of taxation.

"Facility" means any area or premises where live entertainment is provided and for which consideration is collected for the right or privilege of entering that area or premises if the live entertainment is provided at an establishment that is not a licensed gaming establishment.

"Live entertainment" means any activity provided for pleasure, enjoyment, recreation, relaxation, diversion or other similar purpose by a person or persons physically present when providing that activity to a patron or group of patrons who are physically present. The term does not include:

1. Educational, inspirational, motivational, political or informative presentations, speeches or seminars;

- 2. Recorded music if dancing is prohibited, there is no disc jockey, and there is no other form of entertainment offered;
- 3. Entertainment offered in or near the areas designed to provide ambience or to attract people to the areas, if:
 - (a).Such entertainment does not take place inside a bar, lounge or restaurant and is not intended for the benefit of patrons who are seated therein; and
 - (b) If the entertainment consists of live music, neither a dance floor nor seating is provided in the immediate vicinity of the area in which the live music is performed.
- 4. Brief songs sung by service personnel in restaurants or other facilities in honor of a special occasion being celebrated by patrons (e.g., birthday):
- 5. <u>Music performed by musicians who move constantly through the audience if no other form of live entertainment is afforded to the patrons.</u>
- 6. Motion pictures:
- 7. Museum exhibits;
- 8. Animal exhibits:
- 9. Motion simulator rides if actors are not also involved, roller coasters or similar attractions;
- 10. Entertainment provided solely by mechanical, robotic or electronic devices; or
- 11. Any boxing contest or exhibition governed by the provisions of chapter 467 of NRS.
- "Live entertainment status" is that condition which renders the selling of food, refreshments, or merchandise subject to the tax.
- "Maximum seating capacity" means, in the following order of priority:
 - 1. The maximum occupancy of the facility where the live entertainment is provided, as determined by the State Fire Marshal or local government agency that has the authority to make that determination.
 - 2. If such a maximum occupancy has not been determined, the maximum occupancy designated in any permit required to be obtained in order to provide the live entertainment; or
 - 3. If such permit does not designate the maximum occupancy, the actual seating capacity of the facility in which the live entertainment is provided.
 - For purpose of this regulation, if live entertainment is offered in an outdoor location and none of the criteria of subsections 1 through 3 can be satisfied, the maximum seating capacity of the facility shall be rebuttably presumed to be at least 300 and less than 7,500.
 - "Package" is an aggregation of rights to rooms, food, refreshments, merchandise, entertainment, services or other items advertised to the public as a single unit and sold for a single price.
 - "Recorded music" includes, but is not limited to, music cassette tapes, compact discs, phonograph albums, music video, and music on live television.
 - "Taxpayer" means:

- 1. The person licensed to conduct gaming providing taxable live entertainment at a licensed gaming establishment.
- 2. except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), the owner or operator of the facility where taxable live entertainment is provided that is not a licensed gaming establishment.
- 3. The person who collects the taxable receipts if the taxable live entertainment is provided at a publicly owned facility or on public land.

"Trade show" means an event of limited duration, not open to members of the general public, during which the merchandise and services of a particular trade or industry are exhibited and matters of interest to members of the trade or industry are discussed. For purposes of this regulation, a trade show may include educational and motivational presentations that occur during the event.

APPLICATION OF THE TAX

Imposition and rates of live entertainment tax. A live entertainment excise tax is imposed on the admission to any non-gaming facility in this state where live entertainment is provided. If the live entertainment is provided at a non-gaming facility with a maximum seating capacity of:

- 1. At least 300 but less than 7,500, the rate of the tax is 10 percent of the admission charge to the facility plus 10 percent of any amounts paid for food, refreshments, and merchandise purchased at the facility. The tax is applicable even though the charge made for food, refreshments and merchandise is not increased by reason of the live entertainment.
- 2. At least 7,500, the rate of the tax is 5 percent of the admission charge to the facility only; not including any amount paid for food, refreshments, and merchandise purchased at the facility.
- 3. The tax will be applied to 100 percent of the taxable sale only, without regard to other taxes, either federal, state, or local, imposed upon said sale.
- 4. The tax shall be paid on all cash and credit card sales of food, refreshments and merchandise while the facility is in live entertainment status.

Business entity or person liable for live entertainment tax. A business entity or person that collects any amount that is taxable pursuant to this regulation is liable for the tax imposed, but is entitled to collect reimbursement from any person paying that amount.

1. The tax imposed shall be paid by the owner or operator of the facility even if some other entity or person is affording entertainment subject to the tax on the premises of the facility, and it shall be the responsibility of the owner or operator of the facility to collect the tax from the entity or person affording the entertainment, and to remit the tax based upon the records of such operator.

- 2. In the event the taxpayer does not operate the establishment where live entertainment is provided in connection with the selling of food, refreshments, or merchandise that are subject to the tax, but such facilities are operated in the establishment by some other entity or person, the taxpayer shall either obtain and keep the records required by "records" section herein or shall require the person or entity that does operate the facilities to keep such records.
- 3. If an entity or person offers live entertainment in a publicly owned facility or on public land, that entity or person shall be responsible for payment of the tax and shall include these sales in the report to the Department.
- 4. If two or more entities or persons offer live entertainment in a facility that they do not own or operate, a determination as to the entity or person responsible for payment of the tax shall be made and reported to the Department for its approval. The entity or person approved to be the taxpayer shall include the taxable sales in the report to the Department.

Live entertainment tax included in the price of a ticket. Any ticket for admission to a facility subject to the live entertainment tax must state whether the live entertainment tax is included in the price of the ticket in substantially this form: "Includes Entertainment Tax," "Inc. Ent. Tax," "Includes Live Ent. Tax," or "LET included." If the ticket does not include such a statement, the taxpayer shall pay the live entertainment tax on the face amount of the ticket.

Ticket for admission to a facility, or redeemable for food or refreshments subject to live entertainment tax sold as a component of a package, shall be taxed as follows:

- (a) The average retail value of the ticket will be prorated against the average retail value of all components of the package, and the resulting prorated fraction will then be multiplied times the actual price paid for the package, with the live entertainment tax being paid on the product thereof;
- (b) Any value advertised to the public as being the retail value of a package component shall be presumed to be the retail value of that component, unless proven otherwise;
- (c) If no average retail value can be established for a component of a package, its cost to the taxpayer will be used for the purpose of determining prorated values; and
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, no live entertainment tax will be payable on and no package value shall be assigned to any ticket redeemable for food or refreshments if the average retail value of the food or refreshments is less than \$5.00.
- (e) Nothing in this subsection precludes a taxpayer from paying live entertainment tax on the full retail value of the taxable package components, at the taxpayer's option.

Price of food, refreshments, and merchandise sold during live entertainment also subject to sales tax. The total selling price of any food, refreshments, and merchandise sold during live entertainment are subject to applicable sales tax as imposed by NRS 372

and 374. The sales tax may be included in the sales price of the food, refreshments, and merchandise if the patrons are publicly notified by posting a visible sign stating that the sales tax is included in the selling price, or by inclusion of such statement on the ticket. If no signage is posted or no statement is included on the ticket, the taxpayer shall pay the sales tax based on the total amount charged for food, refreshments and merchandise.

Mandatory gratuity charges added to selling price of food or refreshments during live entertainment subject to sales tax. Mandatory charges made by taxpayers to their patrons for service of food or refreshments sold during live entertainment are considered part of the selling price of the food and refreshments and are subject to sales tax if the gratuity charges are not distributed to the servers in the exact amount charges. If distributed in the exact amount charged, the gratuity is exempt from the sales tax as a voluntary return for services rendered.

Time when live entertainment tax shall be collected. Live entertainment tax shall be collected at the time an admission charge is paid or at the time an advanced ticket is sold. (eff. 01-01-04 for Department).

Live entertainment status commences. Live entertainment status commences at the earlier of:

- 1. The time taxable entertainment starts; or
- 2. The time when any admission charge is paid or due.

Live entertainment status ceases. Live entertainment status ceases at the later of:

- 1. The conclusion of the last performance; or
- 2. The time when a facility that was restricted by admission is vacated by admitted patrons, or is opened to the general public.

Charges collected prior to commencement of live entertainment. Charges for food or refreshments, other than minimum required purchases collected prior to commencement of live entertainment are not taxable for that performance. However, admission charges paid for the right or privilege to have access to a facility where live entertainment is provided are subject to the tax whether the customer remains or not.

All admission charges are taxable unless proven to be for sales of other than live entertainment. All sales made to patrons in a facility subject to the live entertainment tax during the intervals between performances shall be subject to the tax unless the facility can account for the volume of sales to persons who entered during an interval between performances and left before the commencement of the next performance. Sales made after the conclusion of the last performance are not subject to the tax.

No distinction made in a restaurant between dining period and entertainment period in dinner show. There shall be no distinction made in a restaurant to a "dining period" and "entertainment period" when such restaurant is advertised as an operation of a "dinner show" and is not open on a continual time schedule.

Charges are taxable unless fully refunded to patrons. All admission charges or ticket sales which afford a patron the right to be present during live entertainment shall be subject to the tax, unless the taxpayer can establish that a full refund has been made to the patron.

Live entertainment tax applicable to sales of food or refreshments made from a place adjacent to a live entertainment facility. The live entertainment tax shall also apply to food or refreshments sold from a place located adjacent to a live entertainment facility if its primary purpose is to provide food or refreshments to patrons viewing entertainment in that facility.

Merchandise sales. The live entertainment tax does not apply to merchandise sold outside the facility in which live entertainment is presented, unless the purchase of the merchandise entitles the purchaser to admission to the entertainment. For the purpose of this section, merchandise shall be deemed to be sold inside the facility if the payment of an admission charge is required for a patron to gain access to the merchandise being sold inside the facility subject to the live entertainment tax.

EXEMPTIONS

Live entertainment tax does not apply to the following:

- Live entertainment that this state is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the United States or its unincorporated or incorporated instrumentalities, or the Nevada Constitution pursuant to NRS 372.265, NRS 374.270 and NRS 372.325, NRS 374.330.
- 2. Live entertainment that is provided by or entirely for the benefit of a nonprofit religious, charitable, fraternal organization or other organization that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501 (c) and NRS 372.326, 374.3305.
- 3. Any "boxing" contest or exhibition governed by the provisions of chapter 467 of NRS.
- 4. Live entertainment that is not provided at a licensed gaming establishment if the facility in which the live entertainment is provided has a maximum seating capacity of less than 300.
- 5. Merchandise sold outside the facility in which the live entertainment is provided, unless the purchase of the merchandise entitles the purchaser to admission to the entertainment.
- 6. Live entertainment that is provided at a trade show.
- 7. Music performed by musicians who move constantly through the audience if no other form of live entertainment is afforded the patrons.
- 8. Live entertainment that is provided at a facility at private meetings or dinners attended by members of a particular organization or by a casual assemblage if the purpose of the event is not primarily for entertainment.

- 9. Live entertainment that is provided in the common area of a shopping mall, unless the entertainment is provided in a facility located within the mall.
- 10. Fees paid by patrons to actively participate in sporting events.
- 11. Amounts paid for services.

Charitable or nonprofit benefits. For purposes of this regulation, admission charges or sales of food, refreshments or merchandise will be considered to be entirely for the benefit of a nonprofit religious, charitable, fraternal or other organization that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization if the entire proceeds of such sales become the property of an organization that has a valid ruling or letter of determination from the Internal Revenue Service indicating that it meets the requirements of a section of 26 USC 501(c). NRS 372.265, NRS 374.270 and NRS 372.325, NRS 374.330 and NRS 372.326, 374.3305.

Amounts paid for gratuities. Amounts paid for gratuities directly or indirectly remitted to persons employed at a facility where live entertainment is provided or for service charges, including those imposed in connection with the use of credit cards or debit cards, which are collected and retained by persons other than the taxpayer are not subject to the live entertainment tax. Only actual, and not estimated, credit and debit card fees may be excluded.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE TAX

Application for live entertainment tax permit: Every business entity or person that is not a licensed gaming establishment who is liable for the live entertainment tax must file with the Department an application, as prescribed by the Department, for a permit for each facility location.

Payment, collection, administration and enforcement of the tax. Payment, collection, administration and enforcement of the live entertainment tax from non-gaming taxpayers, including any penalties and interest, shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Department; and any payment, collection, administration and enforcement of the live entertainment tax pursuant to NRS 360.

Board and Department jointly, coordinate and administration of the tax. To ensure fair and equitable administration and collection of the tax, and regulation of taxpayers who are liable for the payment of the tax, each agency will assist the other.

Date on which the live entertainment tax is due. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all taxpayers shall file with the Department, on or before the 30th day of each month, a report showing the amount of all live entertainment taxable receipts for the preceding month. The report must be on a form prescribed by the Department and be accompanied by the tax that is due for the period covered by the report. (SB8 sec. 81 subsection 2 allows for quarterly filing no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter if so deemed by the Department).

Records.

- 1. Accurate and detailed records of sales subject to the live entertainment tax shall be kept and maintained for a period of at least 4 years if the taxpayer is not a licensed gaming establishment, or until any litigation or prosecution pursuant to this chapter is finally determined, whichever is longer.
- 2. All sales subject to the tax must be recorded in a manner that accurately reflects the amount of taxable sales, unless the taxpayer provides adequate alternative accounting procedures approved by the commission.
- 3. The records shall be kept and made available for audit or inspection by the commission pursuant to times set forth in NRS 360.355.

Penalty. Any taxpayer who fails to report, pay or truthfully account for the tax shall be liable for penalty in the amount of the tax due, which will be assessed and collected in the same manner as other taxes, interest and penalties under NRS 360.

Claims for refund. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 360.235 and 360.395 a claim for refund must be filed with the Department within 3 years after the last day of the month following the reporting period for which the overpayment was made. If the Department determines that any overpayment has been made intentionally or by reason of carelessness, the Department shall not allow any interest on the overpayment.

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TAX 2005 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Senate Bill 3 and Assembly Bill 554 of the 2005 Legislative Session provided changes to NRS 368A Tax on Live Entertainment effective July 1, 2005. The major changes are listed below.

- 1. The 10% tax rate is applicable to admission charges, merchandise, food and refreshments sold at live entertainment facilities where the occupancy is at least **200** (changed from 300 patrons). The 5% tax rate on admission charges only remains the same for facilities with occupancy of 7,500 or more.
- 2. The term "seating capacity" has been changed to "maximum occupancy" which is defined as the maximum occupancy of the facility determined by the State Fire Marshall or other local governmental agency. If the maximum occupancy has not been pre-determined for the facility, the maximum occupancy will be designated at the time occupancy permits for the facility are obtained. If maximum occupancy cannot be determined by these methods, the higher tax rate of 10% applies, unless it can be proven otherwise by the taxpayer.
- 3. Exemptions from live entertainment tax have been expanded to include the following:
- Live entertainment provided by or entirely for the benefit of a nonprofit corporation organized under NRS Chapter 82
- Live entertainment that is incidental to an amusement ride, motion simulator etc.
- Live entertainment provided to the public at an outdoor area free of admission charges and other purchase requirements.
- Outdoor concerts held at non-gaming facilities
- Beginning July 1, 2007 all NASCAR events
- Free live entertainment provided in a restaurant that is incidental and provides only ambience to the patrons.

Taxpayer should review Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 368A and corresponding Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 368A for complete information on Live Entertainment Tax. All live entertainment taking place outside a licensed gaming establishment is administered and collected by the Department of Taxation, if you are a licensed gaming establishment please refer to the Nevada Gaming Control Board website at http://gaming.nv.gov.