

Gaming officials dealing with medical marijuana

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Medical marijuana and the Nevada casino industry don't mix, gaming officials said at a conference Nov. 7, and that's not likely to change anytime soon.

The Gaming Control Board made it clear in a May notice that casinos must stay out of the state's budding medical marijuana business since the drug is illegal at the federal level. But it's still a hot-button issue for the industry, and it was a recurring subject at Friday's Gaming Law Conference at Red Rock Resort.

Nevada's two top gaming regulators, Control Board Chairman A.G. Burnett and Gaming Commission Chairman Tony Alamo, spoke on a panel together where they reaffirmed that the board made the right call.

Alamo, whose father was a prominent Las Vegas casino executive, expressed some disbelief that the mixture of medical marijuana and gambling became a serious regulatory concern.

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