

Opinion: Casino industry regulation changes 'needed to happen'

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The 2015 Nevada Legislature adjourned on June 1, but the session never ended for state gaming regulators.

Six bills passed by lawmakers and signed by the governor brought aspects of Nevada's gaming industry into the 21st century. But the legislation also required months of debate to change existing gaming regulations and write new laws.

"These were changes that needed to happen," said Gaming Control Board Chairman A.G. Burnett. "We've given the industry some good tools to work with."

Lawmakers and regulators addressed skill-based slot machines, increased sports book operations, specified the definition of illegal bookmaking, characterized equipment used to manage gaming, changed the effect of the state's live entertainment tax on casinos, and added rules requiring resorts to more stringently monitor their nightclub venues.

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