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**ADVISORY: UNLICENSED ONLINE CASINOS USING FORGED
COMMISSION DOCUMENTATION**

The California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) has received information that an online casino, Vegas X Play Zone, is using an altered image of a Commission license certificate to claim that it is licensed by the Commission.

The Commission does not issue, nor has it ever issued, licenses to online casinos. Online gambling is illegal under California law, and the Commission is not authorized to issue a license to an online casino. The Commission is currently pursuing all available options to address this matter.

Any online casino purporting to be licensed by the Commission is a danger to the health and safety of the people of California. Unlicensed online casinos, besides being illegal, often lack problem gambling support or Know-Your-Customer anti-money laundering procedures. Unlicensed online casinos are often fronts for scams and thefts, as they can keep a player's deposited funds and refuse to pay out winnings. Since unlicensed online casinos operating in California are not regulated, players have no recourse for disputes between them and the casino.

The Commission urges the public to remember that online gambling is illegal in California. Even if you use a search engine to ask "is this online casino legitimate?" often the online casino has a prepared search result that falsely claims that they are legal.

If you ever have a question about the legality of a gambling operation, please contact the Department of Justice, Bureau of Gambling Control, at gamblingcontrol@doj.ca.gov or the Commission at comments@cgcc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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