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§29-22C-16. License or registration denial, revocation, suspension, and reprimand.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of §29-22C-13(b) of this code to the contrary, the commission may deny a license or registration to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or registrant, or suspend or revoke a license or registration if the applicant, licensee, registrant, or any person having control of the applicant, licensee, or registrant:

(1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license or registration for the applicant, licensee, registrant, or another person;

(2) Fraudulently or deceptively uses a license or registration;

(3) Is or has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state, another state, the United States, or a territory of the United States: *Provided,* That in the event an applicant is seeking initial licensure, the Lottery Commission shall apply §29-22C-15(d) and §29-22C-15(e) of this code in determining whether an applicant's prior criminal convictions bear a rational nexus to the licensed profession; or

4) Is or has been convicted of a misdemeanor under the laws of this state, another state, the United States or a territory of the United States for gambling or a gambling related activity: *Provided,* That in the event an applicant is seeking initial licensure, the Lottery Commission shall apply §29-22C-15(d) and §29-22C-15(e) of this code in determining whether an applicant's prior criminal convictions bear a rational nexus to the licensed profession.

(b) Instead of or in addition to reprimanding a licensee or registrant or suspending or revoking a license or registration, the commission may impose a civil penalty under §29-22C-31 of this code.

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