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**SLA BOARD RULES MOXIE MANIA IS A GAMBLING DEVICE**

*Albany, NY* – The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) voted today to issue a declaratory ruling that Moxie Mania Empire Edition version 618 is a gambling device. The decision was made by the Members of the State Liquor Authority at a regular meeting of the Full Board on Thursday November 20, 2008. On April 21, 2008, the State Liquor Authority's Counsel issued an opinion stating Moxie Mania did not constitute gambling under the ABC Law. Today's action by the Members overturns the opinion by the agency's Counsel. Licensees are reminded that gambling and operation of a gambling device in a licensed premises are violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and the Rules of the Authority. The Members will be issuing a written declaratory ruling explaining their decision.

The State Liquor Authority regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the State. The Authority works with local law enforcement agencies and localities across the State to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. In addition, the Authority issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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