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# Rush Street Gaming of Chicago becomes to enter Massachusetts casino competition



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A new company (<http://rushstreetgaming.com/>) is entering the competition for a casino (<http://topics.masslive.com/tag/casinos/index.html>) license in Massachusetts.

Chicago casino and real estate developer **Neil G. Bluhm** ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neil\\_Bluhm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neil_Bluhm)) will pursue a casino in Massachusetts and will send a company official to meet with consultants for the **Massachusetts Gaming Commission** (<http://www.mass.gov/gaming/about-us/>) next week, said an executive in Bluhm's company.



Greg Carlin

"We think Massachusetts is a great market for gaming," **Greg Carlin** (<http://rushstreetgaming.com/the-team/greg-carlin/>), chief executive officer of Rush Street Gaming, told a reporter Thursday. "We're excited to pursue one of the licenses."

The new entrant in the Massachusetts casino competition comes as **Ameristar Casinos** (<http://topics.masslive.com/tag/ameristar-casinos/index.html>) of Las Vegas is planning an advertising blitz for

its planned Springfield casino.

At a reporter's request, Stephen P. Crosby, chairman of the gaming commission, on Wednesday released the name of Bluhm's Massachusetts company, which is called **Massachusetts Gaming & Entertainment, LLC** (<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/LobbyistPublicSearch/Summary.aspx?PeriodId=2012&RefId=6391>).

Crosby declined to provide contact information or an address for the company.

Carlin said he could not say where in Massachusetts the company would seek a gaming license. He said they have not gone public with a site.

The Chicago company might provide the extra competition being sought by the gaming commission. The commission has been seeking more competition in the Boston area, which so far has only one bidder.

"We haven't decided what we are going to do yet," Carlin said on Thursday, when reached after several attempts.

Bluhm's company has several casinos including projects in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Des Plaines, Illinois.

As part of its ad campaign, Ameristar is placing a two-page advertisement in the Sunday Republican called "Ameristar Offers More." The company, which is planning a casino on 41 acres off Interstate 291 and Page Boulevard in Springfield, also is planning to place ads on the buses of the **Pioneer Valley Transit Authority** (<http://topics.masslive.com/tag/pioneer-valley-transit-authority/index.html>) and to finance several billboards, said Troy A. Stremming, a senior vice president with Ameristar, said Thursday.



Troy A. Stremming

Stremming said Ameristar has "a good story" and wants to tell it.

In Springfield, Ameristar is competing with **MGM Resorts International**, (<http://www.mgmspringfield.com/>) which is proposing a casino for 10 acres in the South End of the city's downtown.

MGM has also worked on public relations in Springfield by donating \$50,000 to the South End Community Center and \$15,000 to July 4 festivities in Springfield. MGM is



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**pioneer38** (<http://connect.masslive.com/user/spin38/index.html>)

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Shouldn't Ravosa get in on this ? He's still around isn't he ?

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Thats a shocker!Another company from Chicago.Also lawyers called in from CHICAGO by our own mayor.what a joke.god help us all.....

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Rush Street Gaming? Run, Forrest, run! Rush Street in Chicago is also known as The Viagra Triangle. It's where all the movers and shakers, aka, crooks and politicians, hang out. They prey on everyone they can, and the young hotties are abundant. Thus, the need for viagra.

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"...which is being led by Springfield Mayor Domenic J. Sarno."

Don't they mean, "being led by Charlie Kingston and Peter Picknelly"?

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