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MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission
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SUBJECT: Report for the May Commission Meeting

This is a status update of ongoing and special projects in the Office of the Attorney General.

I. Contracts, Human Resources, and Administrative

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed several contracts for the Communications Division for promotion of public affairs events.
- ii. Reviewed several contracts for the Marketing Division.
- iii. Reviewed various employment issues and documents for the Human Resources Division, and assisted Staff in resolving several issues.
- iv. Filed several liens against retailers on behalf of the AFO Division.
- v. Assisted Staff in responding to Public Information Act requests from: (1) a law firm for a union, seeking recent records pertaining to the Agency's issuance of a directive on casino surveillance footage and photographs; (2) an attorney seeking the information about Commission policies on detention by a casino of its patrons.
- vi. Reviewed bills filed during the 2019 session of the Maryland General Assembly that may impact the Agency.
- vii. Assisted Staff in responding to a subpoena seeking retailer records.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Assist Staff with matters related to contracts and personnel.
- ii. Review bills passed during the 2019 session of the Maryland General Assembly that may impact the Agency.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

II. Lottery

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed several requests from Product Development relating to new Lottery scratch-off games.
- ii. Reviewed several new XCAP Agreements.
- iii. Reviewed several promotions from Product Development.
- iv. Reviewed several contracts for Lottery sponsorship.
- v. Reviewed several contracts related to advertising campaigns.
- vi. Assisted Staff as needed in implementing the award of the Lottery central monitoring and control system contract.

- vii. Continued to assist Creative Services and Communications Divisions in developing and implementing the My Lottery Rewards Program by reviewing and revising license agreements.
- viii. Worked with Staff on a license and merchandise agreement for a Baltimore Ravens scratch-off game and second chance promotion.
- ix. Worked with Staff on a licensed Skee-Ball instant ticket lottery game, now finalized.
- x. Worked with Staff on two licensed Ravens instant ticket lottery games.
- xi. Assisted Staff with notifying retailers that the Agency intends to revoke their retailer licenses.
- xii. Assisted Staff in reviewing and addressing specific procurement related questions.
- xiii. Assisted Staff in reviewing a promotion for retailers including reviewing the rules and procedures.
- xiv. Assisted staff in revising the Maryland Cash4Life Rules.
- xv. Filed with the U.S. patent and Trademark office to continue registration of the Lottery's "stacked" logo.
- xvi. Assisted Staff in adapting My Lottery Rewards Terms of Use and Rules to reflect online waiver also applying to second chance.
- xvii. Worked with Staff on issues associated with the emergency suspension of a retailer located in Baltimore County.
- xviii. Contacted Facebook to remove pages from their website that was infringing on Mega Millions trademark.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff as needed on implementation of the Lottery central monitoring and control system contract.
- ii. Work with Staff on implementing a paperless application process.
- iii. Continue to assist Staff as needed on working with the Mega Millions Consortium on issues related to exploring use of the Mega Million trademark in international sales.
- iv. Work with Staff to prepare a new Ravens sponsorship agreement.
- v. Work with Staff to prepare contract documents for the Maryland State Fair.
- vi. Assist Staff with procurement-related matters.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

III. Gaming

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Continued to assist Staff on enforcement and licensing issues associated with casino operations.
- ii. Assisted Staff in reviewing letters issued to licensees recommended for revocation to make updated templates.
- iii. Assisted Staff in reviewing letters issued to applicants whose applications are recommended for denial to make updated templates.
- iv. Assisted Staff in preparing and reviewing letters sent to individuals accepted onto the Voluntary Exclusion List to include letters from casinos excluding the individual.

v. Assisted Staff in reviewing a memo for casinos concerning the Voluntary Exclusion List.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff on enforcement and licensing issues associated with casino operations.
- ii. Develop a chronicle of the work of the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission in awarding the State's six casino licenses.
- iii. Awaiting the decision of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County on an individual's request to undo the Agency's termination of his temporary video lottery employee license. The court hearing was February 27.
- iv. Work with Staff on the State's casinos' annual proposals for amendments to the Commission's gaming regulations.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

IV. Electronic Gaming Devices

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. N/A

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Provide advice to Staff as needed concerning the Commission's regulation of electronic gaming devices.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

V. Amusement Gaming Licenses

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. N/A

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Provide advice to Staff as needed concerning the Commission's regulation of amusement gaming licenses.
- ii. Work with Staff on reviewing issues associated with skills-based amusement device registration and licensing.
- iii. Assist Staff with issues associated with operators of electronic gaming devices.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

VI. Fantasy Competition

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. N/A

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Assist Staff as needed in implementing the fantasy competition regulations.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

