

STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: June 27, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: **Amended Casino Regulations**

PRESENTER: Jim Logue, Managing Director, Gaming

ISSUE SUMMARY: Ten amended regulations have been proposed in a continuing effort to achieve industry best practices. Seven of the changes were made at the request of Maryland's casino industry and three are staff recommendations.

36.03.10.20 Checks Accepted from a Player

The proposed amendment would increase the personal check cashing limit to \$25,000.

36.03.10.26 Counter Check Issuance at the Cashiers' Cage

The proposed amendment would allow the facility operators to use an electronic credit system approved by the Commission to process electronic counter check transactions.

36.03.10.27 Counter Check Issuance at a Video Lottery Terminal or Table Game

The proposed amendment would allow the facility operators to use an electronic credit system approved by the Commission to process electronic counter check transactions.

36.03.10.28 Counter Check Substitution, Consolidation, and Redemption

The proposed amendment reflects the changes made to increase the check cashing limit to \$25,000 in COMAR 36.03.10.20.

The proposed amendment would allow the facility operators to use an electronic credit system approved by the Commission to process electronic counter check transactions.

36.03.10.38 Jackpot Payout

The proposed amendment would allow facility operators to perform a jackpot or credit meter payout less than \$5,000 with only one employee.

36.04.01.12 Maximum Bet

This is a Staff proposal. The proposed amendment would clarify a single game event for an electronic table event.

36.04.01.21 Video Lottery Terminal Security

These amendments are proposed by Staff. The current version of this regulation was promulgated when the Commission owned or leased the VLTs that were on a casino's gaming floor. The proposed amendments would change certain VLT security requirements to better reflect that a casino owns or leases its VLTs.

36.04.01.31 Remote Access

The proposed amendment would extend to four hours the time within which a facility operator must notify the Commission of remote access to a video lottery system.

36.05.03.02 Table Inventory

The proposed amendments would provide alternative procedures for counting table inventory on table games not open for gaming during a gaming day.

36.08.02.01 Registration

The proposed amendment is to change the registration from annual to every other year

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED/REQUESTED:

- 1)** Review and approval of the proposed amended regulations.
- 2)** Motion to delegate to staff the authority to make any non-substantive changes to these regulations amendments that may be necessary to prepare them for publication in the *Maryland Register*.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval.