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MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

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TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission

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DATE: January 19, 2021

SUBJECT: Report for the 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 Marketing and Corporate Sales Divisions.
- ii. Assisted the Human Resources Department in addressing employment issues.
- iii. Assisted Staff as needed with procurement issues.
- iv. Assisted Staff with issues related to operational impacts on the Agency and regulated entities caused by the pandemic.
- v. Assisted Staff with issues related to responsible gaming and the voluntary exclusion application process.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

i. Continue to assist Staff with the above-described issues, as needed.

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 and Fast Play games.
- ii. Assisted Staff with notifying retailers of potential license revocations.
- iii. Assisted Staff with reviewing new XCAP agreements and renewal applications.
- iv. Reviewed several promotions and contracts for Lottery sponsorship and advertising campaigns, and revised documents clarifying the winner's responsibility to claim a prize.
- v. Researched legal requirements pertaining to labelling instant tickets with the country in which they were printed.
- vi. Assisted Staff regarding prize claiming dates impacted by the State of Emergency.
- vii. Assisted Staff in requesting removal of unauthorized use of Mega Millions trademarks from online apps.
- viii. Assist Staff with issues concerning new states joining Cash4Life.

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b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

i. 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, and on issues related to the unauthorized online use of the Mega Millions trademark.

- ii. Continue to assist Staff reviewing XCAP renewal applications.
- iii. Work with Staff as needed on reissuing new checks to retailers whose previous State issued checks were unpresented and have expired.
- iv. Work with Staff as needed on new promotions, tickets, games, and licenses.
- v. Work with Staff as needed to accommodate changes to Powerball drawing frequency.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

Ill. Casino Gaming

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Assisted staff with addressing issues related to a trial subpoena issued by the State's Attorney's Office for Anne Arundel County regarding a trespass charge of an individual on the mandatory exclusion list.
- ii. On January 14, 2021, concluded remote OAH license revocation hearings for two video lottery employee licensees, with the decisions to be issued no later than April 14, 2021.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff with enforcement and licensing issues as needed.
- ii. Assist Staff with preparing for a video lottery employee license revocation hearing that was referred to the OAH.
- iii. Assist Staff with reviewing a video lottery employee licensee's request for a hearing concerning the recommended license revocation.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

IV. Electronic Gaming Devices

a. Key accomplishments last period:

i. N/A

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

i. Continue to assist Staff as needed concerning the Commission's regulation of electronic gaming devices.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

V. Skills-Based Amusement Devices and Amusement Gaming Licenses

a. Key accomplishments last period:

i. N/A.

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b. Uncoming tasks for this period:

i. Continue to assist Staff as needed concerning the Commission's regulation of skills-based amusement devices and amusement gaming licenses.

ii. Assist Staff in reviewing the circumstances of an amusement gaming licensee's ownership and continuous operation during the pandemic to verify ongoing license eligibility.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

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 the Commission's regulation of fantasy competitions, including reviewing offerings by fantasy competition operators for legal compliance.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

VII. Sports Wagering

a. Key accomplishments last period:

i. Continued to assist Staff in preliminarily drafting regulations that may be required to implement the State's future sports wagering program.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff with preliminary drafts of sports wagering regulations.
- ii. Monitor General Assembly activity concerning sports wagering.