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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: February 16, 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 with procurement and contractual issues.
- iv. Assisted Staff with issues related to operational impacts on the Agency and regulated entities caused by the pandemic.
- v. Assisted Staff with the Agency's response to a Public Information Act ("PIA") request from a member of the public for records relating to retailers' locations and inventory of a particular ticket.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff with the above-described issues, as needed.
- ii. Assist Staff with the Agency's response to a PIA request from a member of the public for records relating to lottery pre-drawing tests.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

II. Lottery

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed several promotions and requests from Product Development relating to new 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. Assisted Staff in requesting removal of unauthorized use of Mega Millions trademarks from online apps.
- v. Assisted Staff in reviewing new Powerball game rules and proposed changes to playslip.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff reviewing XCAP renewal applications.
- ii. Work with Staff as needed on reissuing new checks to retailers whose

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previous State issued checks were unpresented and have expired.

iii. Work with Staff as needed on new promotions, tickets, games, and licenses.

- iv Continue to work with Staff as needed to accommodate changes to
- iv. Continue to work with Staff as needed to accommodate changes to Powerball drawing frequency.
- v. Assist Staff in responding to an inquiry from an alleged claimant of a 1996 lottery prize.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

Ill. Casino Gaming

a. Key accomplishments last period:

i. Assisted Staff with enforcement and licensing issues.

b. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period:</u>

- 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 and is scheduled for February 24, 2021.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

IV. Electronic Gaming Devices

a. Kev 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.

b. Upcoming 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. Assisted Staff in responding to a fantasy competition operator's inquiry regarding a new game.
- ii. Assisted Staff in reviewing HB 940, *Regulation of Fantasy Gaming Competitions and Implementation of Sports Wagering*, to identify issues that may impact the Commission and Agency.

b. **Upcoming tasks for this period:**

i. Assist Staff as needed in the Commission's regulation of fantasy

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competitions, including reviewing offerings by fantasy competition operators.

ii. Continue to assist Staff with review of HB 940.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

VII. Sports Wagering

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Assisted Staff in reviewing HB 940, *Regulation of Fantasy Gaming Competitions and Implementation of Sports Wagering*, to identify issues that may impact the Commission and Agency.
- ii. 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. Continue to assist Staff with review of HB 940.
- iii. Continue to monitor General Assembly activity concerning sports wagering.