

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission
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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 pandemic-related closing and reopening.
- v. Assisted Staff with the Agency's response to three separate Public Information Act requests from two separate universities and a member of the public.
- vi. Assisted Staff with developing a notice for individuals of privacy and record change request rights associated with Agency background checks conducted through the Criminal Justice Information System ("CJIS") required for license applicants and new Agency hires.

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 promotions and requests from Product Development relating to new scratch-off games and Fast Play games.
- ii. Assisted Staff with notifying retailers of potential retailer license revocations.
- iii. Assisted Staff with reviewing new XCAP agreements and

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- renewal applications.
- iv. Assisted Staff with resolving retailers' outstanding Central Collections Unit debts.
- vii. Assisted Staff with updating My Lottery Rewards Procedures.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff reviewing XCAP renewal applications.
- ii. Continue to work with Staff as needed on reissuing new checks to retailers whose previous State issued checks were unrepresented and have expired.
- iii. Work with Staff as needed on new promotions, tickets, games, and licenses.
- iv. Continue to assist Staff in protecting the Mega Millions trademarks from unauthorized use by seeking changes to online apps and websites.
- v. Assist Staff with changes to the Overall Rules for Promotions.
- vi. Continue to work with Staff as needed to accommodate changes to Powerball drawing frequency.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

III. Casino Gaming

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Assisted Staff with enforcement, licensing, mandatory exclusion and voluntary exclusion issues.
- ii. Received a favorable decision from OAH dated March 22, 2021, affirming the Agency's recommendation and revoking an individual's video lottery employee license.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff with enforcement, licensing, and voluntary exclusion issues as needed.
- ii. Assist Staff with responding to a subpoena for records concerning an individual on the mandatory exclusion list.
- iii. Assist Staff with review of the six casinos proposed regulatory changes.

c. Issues:

- 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. Issues:

- 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:

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- 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. **Issues:**
 - i. N/A

VI. Fantasy Competition

- 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.
- 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.
 - ii. Continue to assist Staff with review of HB 940, which passed out of the General Assembly and is awaiting the Governor's signature. We will assist Staff in drafting regulations.
- c. **Issues:**
 - 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. Assisted Staff with responding to inquiries about proposed amendments to HB 940.
- b. **Upcoming tasks for this period:**
 - iii. Continue to assist Staff with review of HB 940, which passed out of the General Assembly and is awaiting the Governor's signature. We will assist Staff in revising the preliminarily-drafted regulations to implement the law.
- c. **Issues:**
 - i. Work with Staff to implement sports wagering.