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- TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission Gordon Medenica, Director
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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, Information Technology 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 two Public Information Act requests.

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

- i. Continue to assist Staff with the above-described issues, as needed.
- ii. Continue to assist Staff with responsible gaming issues, as needed.
- Assisted Staff in revising responsible gaming regulations consistent with changes made by HB 940, *Regulation of Fantasy Gaming Competitions and Implementation of Sports Wagering*, to State Gov't, Title 9, Subtitle 1D.
- 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 retailer license revocations.
 - iii. Assisted Staff with reviewing new XCAP agreements and renewal applications.

- iv. Assisted Staff with issues associated with retailers' outstanding Central Collections Unit debts.
- Assisted Staff with sponsorship contracts. v.
- Assisted Staff with resolving issues associated with the end of vi. the extension of time within which to claim lottery winnings.
- Assisted Staff in protecting the Mega Millions trademarks from vii. unauthorized use by seeking changes to online apps and websites.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- Continue to assist Staff reviewing XCAP renewal applications. i.
- Continue to work with Staff as needed on reissuing new checks to ii. retailers whose previous State issued checks were unpresented and have expired.
- Work with Staff as needed on new promotions, tickets, games, and iii. licenses.
- Assist Staff with changes to the Official Rules for Promotions. iv.
- Continue to work with Staff as needed to accommodate changes to v. Powerball drawing frequency.
- c. <u>Issues:</u>
 - i. N/A

Ill. Casino Gaming

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- Assisted Staff with enforcement, licensing, mandatory exclusion and i. voluntary exclusion issues.
- Assisted Staff with reviewing the proposed regulatory amendments ii. submitted by the State's casinos.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- Continue to assist Staff with enforcement, licensing, and voluntary i. exclusion issues as needed.
- ii. Assist Staff with responding to subpoenas for records concerning an individual on the mandatory exclusion list.
- c. Issues:
 - i. N/A

IV. Electronic Gaming Devices

- a. Key accomplishments last period:
 - N/A i.
- b. Upcoming tasks for this period:
 - Continue to assist Staff as needed concerning the Commission's i. regulation of electronic gaming devices.
- c. <u>Issues:</u>
 - i. N/A

V. **Skills-Based Amusement Devices and Amusement Gaming Licenses**

a. Kev accomplishments last period:

- N/A. i.
- b. Upcoming tasks for this period:
 - Continue to assist Staff as needed concerning the Commission's i.

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 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.
- Assist Staff in drafting fantasy competition regulations to implement amendments made by HB 940, *Regulation of Fantasy Gaming Competitions and Implementation of Sports Wagering*, to State Gov't, Title 9, Subtitle 1D.

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. Assist Staff in drafting regulations for implementing HB 940.

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

- i. Continue to assist Staff with review of HB 940, *Regulation of Fantasy Gaming Competitions and Implementation of Sports Wagering*, which is now codified in State Gov't, Title 9, Subtitle 1E, and work with Staff to draft sports wagering regulations and implement processes for issuing all sports wagering-related licenses.
- ii. Assist the newly-created Sport Wagering Application Review Commission in drafting regulations and establishing a process for receiving and reviewing applications for sports wagering licenses.

c. <u>Issues</u>;

i. Work with Staff to implement sports wagering.