

# Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency

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Following is the status update of ongoing topics in Government Relations and Human Resources for May.

## **I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

### **1. Legislative Update – End of Session Report**

On May 18, Governor Hogan signed [HB940](#) - *Gaming - Regulation of Fantasy Gaming Competitions and Implementation of Sports Wagering - Supplementary Appropriation* into law. This is an emergency bill and went into effect immediately upon signing. We are still waiting to see if one other gaming bill of interest - [HB532](#) - *Gaming - Video Lottery Facilities - Payout Percentages, Distribution of Proceeds, and Building Restrictions* will get signed into law by the June 1 (May 29) deadline. The governor has until this date to take action, by either signing the bill into law, vetoing the bill, or allowing the bill to become law without his signature. The bill has a July 1 effective date.

## **II. HUMAN RESOURCE MATTERS**

The Human Resources (HR) Department continues to notify Agency employees and third-parties of individuals testing positive for COVID-19. In addition, HR continues to monitor and educate Agency managers and supervisors on COVID-19 related medical absences and teleworking procedures to ensure that our employees stay safe and protected.

HR has submitted two (2) hiring freeze exception requests to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for approval. DBM has approved both of our exception requests. HR continues the recruitment process for these approved positions. We currently have eighteen (18) vacancy announcements for various positions within the agency at different stages of the recruitment process. We are working with DBM and departments to recruit and fill these positions.