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SUBJECT: Report for the June 2021 Commission Meeting

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

I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

On May 28, 2021, the Governor announced his decision regarding unsigned bills, which included **[HB532](#) - Gaming - Video Lottery Facilities - Payout Percentages, Distribution of Proceeds, and Building Restrictions. (Allegany County Delegation)**. This Bill alters the VLT average payout percentages and tax rates. This Bill has a July 1, 2021, effective date and will become law without the Governor's signature.

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 one (1) hiring freeze exception request to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for approval. DBM is currently reviewing this exception request. We currently have sixteen (16) 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.