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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, 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 reopening.
- v. Assisted Staff with the Agency's response to eight Public Information Act requests.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff with the above-described issues, as needed.
- ii. Continue to assist Staff with responsible gaming issues, as needed.
- iii. Assist Staff in revising responsible gaming regulations to implement amendments to State Gov't Article ("SG") Subtitle 1D, pertaining to fantasy competitions.

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 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 with issues associated with retailers' outstanding Central Collections Unit debts.
- v. Assisted Staff with sponsorship contracts.
- vi. Assisted Staff with changes clarifying the MLR Official Rules and Terms of Use, including changes to Powerball drawing frequency.

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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, licenses, and on any changes necessary to accommodate the new 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. Facilitated the review and production of over two thousand pages of documents in response to a subpoena *duces tecum*.

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 subpoenas for records pertaining to an individual on the mandatory exclusion list.
- iii. In a case pending in the Circuit Court for Allegany County related to the termination of a temporary license, prepare a record appeal, and represent the Commission.
- iv. In a case pending in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County related to the denial of a license, prepare a record appeal, and represent the Commission.

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 in regulating electronic gaming devices.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

V. Skills-Based Amusement Devices and Amusement Gaming Licenses

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Assisted Staff in reviewing the circumstances of an amusement gaming licensee's ownership and continuous operation during the pandemic to verify ongoing license eligibility.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. N/A

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

VI. Fantasy Competition

- a. **Key accomplishments last period:**
 - i. Assist Staff as needed in regulating fantasy competitions, including implementing new requirements resulting from the amendments to SG §9-1D.
- b. **Upcoming tasks for this period:**
 - i. Continue to assist Staff as needed in regulating fantasy competitions, and implementing new requirements.
- c. **Issues:**
 - i. N/A

VII. Sports Wagering

- a. **Key accomplishments last period:**
 - i. Assisted Staff in reviewing the new sports wagering law, SG §9-1E, (formerly “HB 940”), to identify issues that may impact the Commission and Agency.
 - ii. Assisted Staff in drafting regulations, and with other implementation issues.
- b. **Upcoming tasks for this period:**
 - i. Continue to assist Staff with implementing sports wagering, and work with Staff through the process of promulgating regulations.
- c. **Issues:**
 - i. As above.