OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission

John Martin, Director

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Principal Counsel

DATE: September 14, 2021

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:

- Reviewed several contracts for the Marketing, Information Technology and Corporate Sales Divisions.
- Assisted the Human Resources Department in addressing employment issues.
- Assisted Staff with procurement and contractual issues. iii.
- Assisted Staff with issues related to operational impacts on the Agency and regulated entities caused by pandemic-related reopening.
- Assisted Staff with the Agency's response to seven Public Information Act v. requests.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

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

c. <u>Issues:</u>

N/A i.

II. Lottery

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- Reviewed several promotions and requests from Product i. Development relating to new scratch-off and Fast Play games.
- Assisted Staff with notifying retailers of potential license revocations. ii.
- Assisted Staff with reviewing new XCAP agreements and renewal applications.
- Assisted Staff with issues associated with retailers' outstanding iv. Central Collections Unit debts.
- Assisted Staff with sponsorship contracts. v.
- Assisted Staff with changes clarifying the MLR Official Rules and Terms vi. of Use.

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b. Uncoming 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 unpresented and have expired.

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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:

. N/A

III. Casino Gaming

a. Key accomplishments last period:

i. Assisted staff with updating applications for licenses, and vendors registration and certification, for use in both gaming and sports wagering contexts.

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. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

V. Skills-Based Amusement Devices and Amusement Gaming Licenses

a. Key accomplishments last period:

i. N/A

b. Uncoming tasks for this period:

i. N/A

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

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VI. Fantasy Competition

a. Key accomplishments last period:

i. Assist Staff as needed in addressing questions raised by entities trying to enter the fantasy competitions arena.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff as needed in regulating fantasy competitions, and implementing new requirements.
- ii. Assist staff in drafting regulations to implement new requirements.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

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.
- iii. Assisted Staff with reviewing applications to facilitate sports wagering.

b. Uncoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff with implementing sports wagering, and work with Staff through the regulations public comment period.
- ii. Continue to assist Staff with reviewing applications to facilitate sports wagering.
- iii. Assist Staff in their work with SWARC and the licensing process.

c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. As above.