

STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission

FROM: Jim Nielsen, Deputy Director / COO

DATE: December 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to Sports Wagering Regulations

Summary:

We are presenting proposed amendments to sports wagering regulations that are currently in effect on an emergency basis. These amendments are based on public comments and Staff review. These proposed amendments are substantive in nature and could not be included in the non-substantive changes that you approved on December 2, 2021.

The proposed amendments before you are intended to:

- 1) Remove requirements to use Official League Data;
- 2) Include the unique aspects of the application process when the owner of a professional sports franchise or stadium under State Government Article, § 9-1E-06(a)(1)(i)2 selects a designee to be the applicant for a sports wagering facility license;
- 3) Remove provisions that would authorize a “runner” to purchase an in-person wager;
- 4) Specify when tax returns and tax payments are due to the Commission, and specify the enforcement action to be taken if not timely remitted;
- 5) Align timeframes specified in the Internal Controls chapter;
- 6) Allow bettors to access their account while out of state, as long as wagering does not occur;
- 7) Include a Change Management Plan issued by the Commission that licensees must follow;
- 8) Allow bettors to opt out of receiving by email, text message or other means confirmation of each transaction on a bettor account; and
- 9) Clarify information security measures.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED:

- 1) After review and any discussion, approve the proposed amendments to the sports wagering regulations, as both emergency and non-emergency; and
- 2) Motion to delegate to Staff the authority to make any non-substantive changes to the approved amendments that may be necessary to prepare them for publication in the *Maryland Register*.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of both motions.