

STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: August 25, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: Proposed Amendments to Regulations

PRESENTER: Solomon Ramsey, Managing Director, Sales and Marketing

ISSUE SUMMARY: 30.02.01.01 Lottery Definitions

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The regulations in COMAR 36.02.01.01 contain Lottery-specific definitions. These definitions identify, describe, and authorize Lottery product offerings. We are presenting proposed amendments to COMAR 36.02.01.01 that would change some definitions of Lottery products, and authorize expanded Lottery products and play opportunities for players.

One amendment would add a new definition for “in-lane” ticket, and authorize their sales at brick-and-mortar businesses. “In-lane” sales would mean that players in the checkout line could select “in-lane” tickets and then purchase them at checkout. “In-lane” tickets may be available for draw games, or instant (“scratch-off”) games.

Another amendment would change the definition of “cash” to allow players to use a Lottery-authorized gift card - same as cash - to purchase a Lottery ticket. The Lottery gift card itself would be a new product offering.

Other definitions would be updated, without substantive change, to reflect current technology. For example, the definition of “ePlayslip” would include the display of “an on-screen display or two dimensional-code.”

Other definitions would be updated and streamlined, such as “jackpot game” and “lottery game.”

Additionally, the proposed amendments would be non-substantively amended to align them for internal consistency. For example, instead of referring to a player’s selected “numbers and symbols,” the new reference throughout would be to a player’s selected “game data.” The proposed amendments would also make stylistic changes consistent with the *Style Manual for Maryland Regulations*.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion, consideration, and action.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval.