



STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: April 27, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: **Approval to Apply for Membership into the Multi-State Lottery Association and enter into multijurisdictional agreements**

PRESENTER: John Martin, Director

ISSUE SUMMARY: In accordance with State Government § 9-111(b), Annotated Code of Maryland, Staff seeks approval for the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to apply for membership into the Multi-State Lottery Association (“MUSL”) and enter into multijurisdictional agreements. In order to accomplish this, MLGCA will provide its intent to withdraw from the Mega Millions Consortium and seek a waiver of its 12-month notice requirement and payment of joint operating costs for the twelve months after its withdrawal under sections 14.1 and 14.4 of Mega Millions Agreement.

MUSL is a dynamic organization that works with member lotteries to develop new games and operational efficiencies to grow revenues to support the good causes of each state. MUSL is operated on a day-to-day basis by a staff of 20 based out of the Des Moines, Iowa, area. Joining MUSL will decrease MLGCA Staff responsibilities, freeing them to do other important work.

Approving this change of membership will not affect the MLGCA’s ability to sell Mega Millions. Cross-selling of national jackpot games started in January 2010, so this change would be transparent to Maryland lottery players. There are costs associated with joining MUSL; however, that amount will be paid from MLGCA’s existing appropriations by finding efficiencies in other areas

MLGCA is seeking to withdraw from the Mega Millions Consortium in part due to the efficiencies gained by joining MUSL and due to the support and collaboration that MUSL’s organization would provide MLGCA. Additionally, MUSL has shown the fortitude and flexibility to get changes made to games in an efficient manner.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED/REQUESTED: Grant approval to allow the Director of the MLGCA to withdraw the MLGCA from the Mega Millions Consortium and apply for membership in MUSL and enter into multijurisdictional agreements consistent with all applicable statutes and regulations of the State of Maryland.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval.