# **Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency**

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TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Commission

John Martin, Director

FROM: Michael Eaton, Managing Director, Gaming

DATE: August 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Gaming Division Report for the August 2024 Commission Meeting

#### **A Skills-Based Amusement Device Registrations**

The tables below reflect all Skills-Based registrations processed to date.

Skills-Based Amusement Device Program – as of 07/31/2024 2023/2024 Registrations began in December 2022 and are valid for 2 years							
Registere	Registered Owners Registered Locations			Registere	d Devices	Illegal Electronic Gaming Device Tips	
July	2023-2024	July	2023-2024	July 2023-2024		July	2023-2024
0	17	0	353 0 1424 0				

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July	2024-2025	July	2024-2025	1-2025 July 2024-2025		July	2024-2025	
1	9	16	37	185	1632	2	3	

### **B** Gaming Audit Department

Casino Audit						
Facility	Audit Area	Status	Periods Covered			
Live! Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June			
Rocky Gap	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June			
Ocean Downs	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June			
Hollywood Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June			
Horseshoe Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June			
MGM NH Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June			
Live! Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	July - August			
Rocky Gap	Compliance & Operations	In process	July – August			
Ocean Downs	Compliance & Operations	In process	July - August			
Hollywood Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	July – August			

Horseshoe Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	July - August
MGM NH Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	July – August

Instant Bingo Hall Financial Statements								
Facility	F/S Year End	F/S Due Dates	F/S Submitted	2024 Audit Status				
Rod 'N' Reel	December 31, 2023	April 30, 2024	April 30, 2024	August				
Bingo World	December 31, 2023	April 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	August				
Traders	December 31, 2023	April 30, 2024	April 18, 2024	August				
Abners Crab House & Restaurant	December 31, 2023	April 30, 2024	February 2, 2024	August				
Delta Bingo – Laurel	March 31, 2024	July 31, 2024	July 25, 2024	August				
Delta Bingo – Waysons	March 31, 2024	July 31, 2024	July 25, 2024	August				
American Legion Post #206	December 31, 2023	N/A	N/A	August				
American Legion Post #7	December 31, 2023	N/A	N/A	August				
Laurel Elks #2283	March 31, 2024	N/A	N/A	August				
Annapolis Elks (#622)	March 31, 2024	N/A	N/A	August				
Annapolis Moose (#296)	April 30, 2024	N/A	N/A	August				
Mayo American Legion #226	June 30, 2024	N/A	N/A	August				
Severna Park American Legion (#175)	June 30, 2024	N/A	N/A	August				

Sports Wagering Audit						
Facility	Audit Area	Complete	In Progress			
Live! – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
Horseshoe – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
MGM – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
Hollywood – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
Ocean Downs - Retail	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
Bingo World – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
Long Shots – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
Riverboat – Retail	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
Greenmount – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
DraftKings – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
Fanatics (MSS) – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
Superbook – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
Crab Sports – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			
Canton Gaming – Canton - Retail	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August			

Canton Gaming – Towson – Retail	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August
Whitman Gaming – Retail	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August
VSC – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	N/A	July – August
Bally's - Mobile	Compliance & Operations	N/A	July – August

- 1) Next Audit Committee meeting scheduled for September 26, 2024, immediately following the monthly Commission meeting.
- 2) Standard Table Game Rules
  - a. Blackjack Updated the rules to allow facility operators to offer the Match Super Bonus Wager that either of the player's initial two cards will match the rank of the dealer's up card.

#### C Electronic Gaming Device Operations

	Hollywood	Ocean Downs	Live!	Rocky Gap	Horseshoe	MGM- NH	Bingo Halls
VLT Installs	19	34	77	6	40	80	311
VLT Removals	19	34	94	6	40	65	311
Floor Moves	35	8	68	42	34	75	0
Game Changes	10	0	89	19	15	72	0
Change Requests	10	10	28	11	7	34	4

- 1) ITLM Update As of 08/05/2024, 407 ITLMs in 92 unique Veterans' Posts are currently operational.
- 2) Monthly ITLM net sales in July 2024 (\$1,321,620) decreased by 5.3% compared to July 2023 (\$1,395,743).
- 3) Hollywood Casino submitted a request for the temporary of up to 54 slot machines, along with adapting an acceptable slot floor count ranging between 700 and 754 active slot machines. The request is scheduled to begin on or about August 1, 2024, and should be completed no later than August 1, 2025.
- 4) On 8/2/24, MLGCA staff notified VLT Facility Operators and Sports Wagering Licensees that MEI (parent company Crane Payment Innovations/CPI) does not hold a manufacturer license in Maryland. At this time, no additional MEI products may be installed in Maryland, and any currently in use must be removed and replaced with a licensed product by a date to be determined by MLGCA staff. This includes bill validators, cashboxes, comm cards, etc. and is for any and all utilizations (VLTs, Electonic Table Games, Kiosks, Ticket Redemption Units, etc.). Facilities that currently have MEI products have been instructed to submit a removal/replacement plan to MGLCA staff. MEI/CPI management is currently reviewing MLGCA requirements to decide if they will pursue licensing.

5) Quarterly Payout Percentage (April 1 – June 30, 2024):

Hollywood Casino	Ocean Downs Casino	Live! Casino & Hotel	Rocky Gap Casino	Horseshoe Casino	MGM National
Perryville			Resort	Baltimore	Harbor
91.45%	91.64%	91.03%	90.39%	90.74%	90.70%

6) Rolling 12-month Payout Percentage (August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024):

Hollywood Casino	Ocean Downs Casino	Live! Casino & Hotel	Rocky Gap Casino	Horseshoe Casino	MGM National
Perryville			Resort	Baltimore	Harbor
91.40%	91.55%	91.18%	90.49%	91.04%	91.14%

## D Sports Wagering

- 1) VSC, with their platform provider Bee-Fee, went live on 7/1/24.
- 2) Bally's went live on 7/29/24.
- 3) Longshot's, retail and mobile platform provider Betfred, ceased retail and mobile operations on 6/30/24 and 7/31/24, respectively.
- 4) Superbook ceased accepting new registrations, deposits and wagers on 7/19/24.

#### **E** Responsible Gambling

- 1) Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP)
  - a) 43 new participants joined the casino VEP in July. The current number of active participants is 3,155.
  - b) There were 22 removals from the VEP in July for a total of 1,301.
  - c) To date, 2,633 violations have occurred since the casino VEP began. All violators are subject to criminal trespass charges.
  - d) There were 13 additional enrollments in the lottery VEP in July with 7 removals; the total number of participants is 718.
  - e) There are currently 514 participants in the bingo hall VEP.
  - f) There are currently 330 participants in the sports wagering VEP.
  - g) There are currently 303 participants in the fantasy competition VEP.
- 2) The next MARG meeting will be held at Ocean Downs Casino on Monday, September 23, 2024.