

IN THE MATTER OF THE \* BEFORE THE  
ARUNDEL AMUSEMENTS, INC. \* MARYLAND LOTTERY  
Respondent. \* AND GAMING CONTROL  
COMMISSION  
\*  
\* March 2024 Regulatory Violation-Bingo  
Hall

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article (“SG”), §§ 9-1A-01, *et seq.* (“Gaming Law”), and Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 36.03.04.06, the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission (“Commission”) and Arundel Amusements, Inc. (“Bingo World”) desire to resolve this matter without a formal administrative hearing. Accordingly, the parties recite the following facts and make the following agreements:

**BACKGROUND**

The Commission, with the assistance of the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (“MLGCA” or “Agency”), regulates the operation of the State’s video lottery terminals (“VLTs”), table games and bingo halls, and is responsible for licensing qualified facility operators and ensuring that the operation of video lottery facilities, VLTs, table games and bingo halls are conducted legally. SG §§ 9-1A-02(b), 9-1A-04(b)(14).

If a licensee violates a provision of the Gaming Law, a regulation promulgated by the Commission, or a directive of the Commission or the Director of the MLGCA, the Commission is authorized to, after a hearing, take action against a licensee that may include suspension or revocation of a license, and levying a civil penalty for each violation. SG §§ 9-1A-04(a)(3) – (8), -25; Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 36.03.04. The Commission may also take other enforcement action, such as a corrective action plan, a reprimand, or imposition of a condition on

a license. SG §§ 9-1A-04(a)(3), -25; COMAR 36.03.04. The Commission may also agree with a licensee to reach a settlement to resolve a violation. COMAR 36.03.04.06.

Bingo World is licensed by the Commission as the operator of the bingo hall/instant bingo facility in Anne Arundel County.

By letter dated June 25, 2024, the Agency notified Bingo World of an alleged violation of the Gaming Law – regulatory violation for the audit period of March 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024. The Agency included the monthly audit report for March 2024 indicating the violation for which the Agency is proposing a monetary penalty. The Notice of Alleged Violation asserted that this action violated the Gaming Law and regulations promulgated thereunder, and that this action was sanctionable.

Bingo World has taken corrective measures to ensure future compliance with these regulations.

The parties agree to the following terms and conditions as a means of resolving the captioned alleged violation.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. This Consent Agreement is being entered into as a means of settling the alleged violation and avoiding the potential expense and inconvenience of a formal hearing.
2. There has not been a formal finding as to the merits of the allegation in the Notice of Violation. This Consent Agreement does not constitute an admission or denial by either party that a violation of law or regulation has occurred.
3. Upon the parties' execution of this Consent Agreement, Commission staff shall submit this Consent Agreement to the Commission for review and final approval at its next meeting.

4. Upon the Commission's final approval of this Consent Agreement, and no later than 10 days after, Bingo World shall remit payment of \$1,000.00 to the Commission.
5. Upon receipt of payment from Bingo World, the Commission will close these matters.
6. Bingo World will continue to take appropriate measures to ensure future compliance with these regulations.
7. If Bingo World violates a term of this Consent Agreement, the Commission may impose a sanction or penalty on Bingo World for violating the Agreement or for the underlying violation. COMAR 36.03.04.06.
8. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Bingo World waives all rights to administrative or judicial review of this alleged violation.
9. This Consent Agreement extends only to the alleged violation referenced in the June 25, 2024, Alleged Notice of Violation. If the Commission subsequently discovers additional facts of a material and substantial nature involving the incident cited in the June 25, 2024, Alleged Notice of Violation, and said facts constitute additional alleged violations, the Commission may pursue such additional alleged violations. Bingo World may dispute such additional alleged violations.
10. This Consent Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No prior or subsequent understandings, agreements, or representations, oral or written that are not specified or referenced within this document will be valid provisions of this Consent Agreement.
11. This Consent Agreement may not be modified, supplemented or amended, in any manner, except by written agreement signed by the parties.

12. This Consent Agreement is not final and binding until it is approved by the Commission.  
COMAR 36.03.04.06B(2).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Consent Agreement as set forth  
below:

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Nathan Benefiel (date)  
President  
Arundel Amusements, Inc.

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John Martin (date)  
Director  
Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control  
Agency

APPROVED:

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Everett D. Browning, Sr. (date)  
Chair, Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission