

# Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency



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SUBJECT: Report for the August 2025 Commission Meeting

Following is the status update of ongoing efforts in Government Relations, Regulations, and Human Resources for August.

## **I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MATTERS**

### **A. Sports Wagering Application Review Commission (SWARC)**

The SWARC met on August 13 and approved Canton Gaming LLC d/b/a Finest Flag Gaming (Towson) request to relocate its existing sports wagering facility license in Towson to a proposed location in Pikesville in accordance with §9-1E-07(j) of the State Government Article. The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission will now review the request for final approval. The next SWARC meeting is to be determined.

### **B. Legislative Update**

The Agency has submitted its proposed departmental proposals for the 2026 Session of the Maryland General Assembly to the Governor's Legislative Office (GLO). Legislative proposals are held in confidence until final approval is granted by GLO.

## **II. REGULATORY MATTERS**

The Agency submitted amendments to existing regulations in the Code of Maryland Regulations, specifically (COMAR) 36.03.10.36, Promotional Play, and 36.05.03.15, Table Game Taxes and Gross Table Game Revenue. These amendments were submitted in the Electronic Filing System (ELF) for publication in the August 22 edition of the *Maryland Register*. The proposed amendments to 36.03.10.36 were approved by the Commission at its June 26, 2025, meeting to cap mobile promotional play deductions at 5%, and the proposed amendments to 36.05.03.15 were approved by the Commission at its September 26, 2024, meeting. A 30-day public comment period will begin when the proposed amendments are published in the *Maryland Register*, with comments due by September 22, 2025.

## **III. HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS**

We currently have twenty-three (23) vacant positions across the Agency; however, all positions are frozen at this time. The Human Resources (HR) team continues to review the Agency's FY26 Cost Savings measures to ensure alignment with our mission requirements and strategic priorities. On August 12, the Agency participated in the Department of Budget and Management's (DBM) Overview of the State's Voluntary Separation Program (VSP). The Executive team must review the VSP applications which were submitted by staff and make its recommendation to DBM by August 22.