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SUBJECT: Report for the September 2025 Commission Meeting

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

I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MATTERS

A. 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). The Agency has been approved to further develop the departmental concepts for three (3) submissions. Legislative proposals are held in confidence until final approval is granted by GLO.

B. House Ways and Means Committee Tour

On September 24, the Agency will be briefing Committee members at Maryland Lottery and Gaming Headquarters on gaming operations that we regulate, specifically Video Lottery Terminals (VLT), Electronic Instant Bingo Machines, and Instant Ticket Lottery Machines (ITLM). In addition, the Committee members will be touring the Agency's test lab, the IGT Central System VLT Operation Center, Bingo World, and Live! Casino and Hotel.

II. REGULATORY MATTERS

The Agency submitted amendments to existing regulations in the Code of Maryland Regulations, specifically (COMAR) 36.10.13.39, Sports Wagering, Promotional Play. These amendments appeared in the August 22 edition of the *Maryland Register*. The proposed amendments to 36.10.13.39 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. The 30-day public comment period began on August 22 and will run to 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 September 15, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) informed the Agency that three applications for the State's Voluntary Separation Program (VSP) had been approved. In addition, the Agency is completing the selection process for the Department of Service and Civic Innovation's Service Year Option Program by having possibly two volunteers work in specific departments within the Agency.