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STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: October 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: **Proposed Amendments to Regulations:**
Gaming Provisions
Video Lottery Terminals
Instant Bingo Machines in Anne Arundel and Calvert
Counties
Sports Wagering Provisions

PRESENTER: Michael Eaton, Managing Director, Gaming

ISSUE SUMMARY: We are presenting proposed amendments to regulations in the following subtitles: Gaming Provisions, Video Lottery Terminals, Instant Bingo Machines, and Sports Wagering Provisions. These amendments address a number of changes and clarifications identified by Staff while reviewing the Agency's Gaming and Sports Wagering Provisions.

Proposed Amendments To COMAR Title 36 Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency

Subtitle 03 Gaming Provisions

Chapter 06 Enforcement of Voluntary Exclusion Program

Proposed amendments to Regulation .01 of this chapter would require that a facility operator may only access the Commission's Voluntary Exclusion List from the continental U.S., consistent with DoIT policy; clarify the existing requirement that a facility operator must ensure that an individual on the Voluntary Exclusion List surrenders unredeemed items; and clarify the existing requirement that facility operators update their systems within 72 hours of being notified of an individual's placement on or removal from the Voluntary Exclusion List.

Proposed amendments to Regulation .03 of this chapter would eliminate the specific wording required for the underage warning for casino gaming floors, establish specific requirements for the font sizing and location of the gambling assistance message on advertisements, to address consumer protection concerns that the gambling assistance message may be buried in tiny font or displayed too briefly. These standards will align with existing requirements in the sports wagering regulations, ensuring consistency across all forms of regulated gaming advertising.

Chapter 10 Video Lottery Facility Minimum Internal Control Standards

The proposed amendment to Regulation .38 of this chapter is in response to IRS W-2G reporting limits increasing from \$1,200 to \$2,000, effective January 1, 2026. The proposed amendment removes the specific dollar amount set by the IRS that triggers the W2-G filing requirement. If approved, we would not need to amend this regulation each time the IRS changes the dollar amount for reporting. This amendment is consistent with amendments proposed for several other regulations that will be presented today.

Subtitle 04 Video Lottery Terminals

Chapter 01 Video Lottery Technical Standards

The proposed amendment to Regulation .13 of this chapter is in response to IRS W-2G reporting limits increasing from \$1,200 to \$2,000, effective January 1, 2026. The proposed amendment removes the specific dollar amount set by the IRS that triggers the W2-G filing requirement.

Subtitle 07 Instant Bingo Machines

Chapter 4 Instant Bingo Minimum Internal Control Standards

The proposed amendment to Regulation .14 of this chapter is in response to IRS W-2G reporting limits increasing from \$1,200 to \$2,000, effective January 1, 2026. The proposed amendment removes the specific dollar amount set by the IRS that triggers the W2-G filing requirement.

Chapter 6 Technical Standards

The proposed amendment to Regulation .08 of this chapter is in response to IRS W-2G reporting limits increasing from \$1,200 to \$2,000, effective January 1, 2026. The proposed amendment removes the specific dollar amount set by the IRS that triggers the W2-G filing requirement.

Subtitle 10 Sports Wagering

Chapter 10 Enforcement of Voluntary Exclusion Program

Proposed amendments to Regulation .01 of this chapter would require that a sports wagering licensee may only access the Commission's Voluntary Exclusion List from the continental U.S., consistent with DoIT policy; clarify the existing requirement that a sports wagering licensee must ensure that a bettor on the Voluntary Exclusion List surrenders their sports wagering winnings; and clarify the existing requirement that sports wagering licensees update their systems within 72 hours of being notified of an individual's placement on or removal from the Voluntary Exclusion List.

Chapter 13 Sports Wagering Licensee Minimum Internal Control Standards

Proposed amendments to Regulation .29 of this chapter would clarify requirements for licensees that use player reward programs; and requirements for Class B licensees that use the player reward program of a Class A Sports Wagering Facility Licensee, consistent with legislation that took effect July 1, 2025, pertaining to Class A Sports Wagering Facility Licensees that provide sports wagering services on behalf of a Class B Sports Wagering Facility Licensee.

Proposed amendments to Regulation .41 of this chapter would clarify signage requirements for sports wagering licensees to ensure they do not advertise in a manner that misleads the public.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED:

- 1) After review and any discussion, motion to approve the proposed amendments to the regulations in the Gaming Provisions subtitle;
- 2) After review and any discussion, motion to approve the proposed amendments to the regulations in the Video Lottery Terminals subtitle;
- 3) After review and any discussion, motion to approve the proposed amendments to the regulations in the Instant Bingo Machines subtitle;
- 4) After review and any discussion, motion to approve the proposed amendments to the regulations in the Sports Wagering Provisions subtitle;
- 5) Motion to delegate to Staff the authority to make any non-substantive changes to the approved regulation amendments that may be necessary to prepare them for publication in the *Maryland Register*.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of all 5 motions.