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TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Commission  
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FROM: Michael Eaton, Managing Director, Gaming

DATE: January 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Gaming Division Report for the January 2026 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 12/31/2025 2024/2025 Registrations began in December 2023 and are valid for 2 years							
Registered Owners		Registered Locations		Registered Devices		Illegal Electronic Gaming Device Tips	
December	2024-2025	December	2024-2025	December	2024-2025	December	2024-2025
0	12	0	42	0	1763	0	6

Skills-Based Amusement Device Program – as of 12/31/2025 2025/2026 Registrations began in December 2024 and are valid for 2 years							
Registered Owners		Registered Locations		Registered Devices		Illegal Electronic Gaming Device Tips	
December	2025-2026	December	2025-2026	December	2025-2026	December	2025-2026
1	15	1	23	6	496	0	73

## B Gaming Audit Department

Casino Audits			
Facility	Audit Area	Status	Periods Covered
Live! Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	November
Rocky Gap	Compliance & Operations	Completed	November
Ocean Downs	Compliance & Operations	Completed	November
Hollywood Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	November
Horseshoe Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	November
MGM NH Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	November
Live! Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	December - January

Rocky Gap	Compliance & Operations	In process	December - January
Ocean Downs	Compliance & Operations	In process	December - January
Hollywood Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	December - January
Horseshoe Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	December - January
MGM NH Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	December - January

Instant Bingo Hall Audits				
Facility	F/S Year End	F/S Due Dates	F/S Submitted	2026 Audit Status
Rod 'N' Reel	December 31, 2025	April 30, 2026	N/A	January
Bingo World	December 31, 2025	April 30, 2026	N/A	January
Traders	December 31, 2025	April 30, 2026	N/A	January
Abners Crab House & Restaurant	December 31, 2025	April 30, 2026	N/A	January
Delta Bingo – Laurel	March 31, 2026	July 31, 2026	N/A	January
Delta Bingo – Waysons	March 31, 2026	July 31, 2026	N/A	January
American Legion Post #206	December 31, 2025	N/A	N/A	January
American Legion Post #7	December 31, 2025	N/A	N/A	January
Laurel Elks #2283	March 31, 2026	N/A	N/A	January
Annapolis Elks (#622)	March 31, 2026	N/A	N/A	January
Annapolis Moose (#296)	April 30, 2026	N/A	N/A	January
Mayo American Legion #226	June 30, 2026	N/A	N/A	January
Severna Park American Legion (#175)	June 30, 2026	N/A	N/A	January

Sports Wagering Audits			
Facility	Audit Area	Complete	In Progress
Live! – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
Horseshoe – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
MGM – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
Hollywood – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
Ocean Downs - Retail	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
Bingo World – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
Long Shot's – Retail	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
Riverboat – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
Greenmount – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
DraftKings – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
Fanatics (MSS) – Retail & Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January

Crab Sports – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
Canton Gaming – Canton - Retail	Compliance & Operations	November	December
Canton Gaming – Pikesville - Retail	Compliance & Operations	November	December
Whitman Gaming – Retail	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
VSC – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January
Bally's – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	November	December - January

### C **Electronic Gaming Device Operations**

	<b>Hollywood</b>	<b>Ocean Downs</b>	<b>Live!</b>	<b>Rocky Gap</b>	<b>Horseshoe</b>	<b>MGM-NH</b>	<b>Bingo Halls</b>
VLT Installs	0	0	0	0	9	34	45
VLT Removals	0	0	0	0	7	4	40
Floor Moves	13	0	0	0	49	104	6
Game Changes	3	3	15	12	10	50	0
Change Requests	2	13	20	3	11	26	2

- 1) ITLM Update - As of 1/6/2026, 404 ITLMs in 90 unique Veterans' Posts are currently operational.
- 2) Monthly ITLM net sales in December 2025 (\$1,501,285) increased by 5.2% compared to December 2024 (\$1,427,185).
- 3) Live! Casino submitted a request for the temporary reduction of the number of VLTs on their gaming floor from 4,000 by up to 600 VLTs, which could result in a minimum of 3,400 VLTs on the gaming floor at any one time. The request is scheduled to begin on or about February 1, 2026, and should be completed no later than January 31, 2027.
- 4) Quarterly Payout Percentage (October 1 – December 31, 2025):

<b>Hollywood Casino Perryville</b>	<b>Ocean Downs Casino</b>	<b>Live! Casino &amp; Hotel</b>	<b>Rocky Gap Casino Resort</b>	<b>Horseshoe Casino Baltimore</b>	<b>MGM National Harbor</b>
91.77%	91.58%	91.00%	91.17%	91.52%	90.70%

- 5) Calendar Year 2025 Payout Percentage (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025):

<b>Hollywood Casino Perryville</b>	<b>Ocean Downs Casino</b>	<b>Live! Casino &amp; Hotel</b>	<b>Rocky Gap Casino Resort</b>	<b>Horseshoe Casino Baltimore</b>	<b>MGM National Harbor</b>
91.53%	91.46%	91.11%	90.92%	91.46%	90.63%

- 6) **EXERCISE OF DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

**Report on Staff's exercise of delegated authority to approve equipment, systems, and software of video lottery, instant bingo, and sports wagering operators**

By unanimous vote on July 15, 2025, the Commission delegated to Staff the authority, under certain chapters of the video lottery terminal regulations, instant bingo regulations, and sports wagering regulations, to:

- determine that equipment, systems and software satisfy applicable regulatory requirements; and
- issue the required written approvals.

<https://www.mdgaming.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Staff-agenda-memo-Delegation-Equipment-Systems-Software.pdf>

This Delegation included a requirement that Staff report to the Commission its exercise of authority under the Delegation. Accordingly, Staff is reporting that it has exercised the authority of the Delegation to:

**Issued written approvals for equipment, systems, or software of video lottery, instant bingo, and sports wagering operators for the dates below:**

- 12/16/25 – 1/19/26

## **D Sports Wagering**

### **1) EXERCISE OF DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

**Report on Staff's exercise of delegated authority to qualify an applicant, determine whether an applicant meets requirements for a sports wagering license, and issue a sports wagering license.**

By unanimous vote on November 18, 2021, the Commission delegated to Staff the authority, under certain chapters of the sports wagering regulations, to:

- determine that an applicant for a sports wagering license is qualified;
- determine that an applicant meets all applicable requirements for issuance of a sports wagering licenses, and
- issue a sports wagering license.

[https://www.mdgaming.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Staff-agenda-memo-delegation\\_11-15-21-final.pdf](https://www.mdgaming.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Staff-agenda-memo-delegation_11-15-21-final.pdf)

This Delegation included a requirement that Staff report to the Commission its exercise of authority under the Delegation. Accordingly, Staff is reporting that it has exercised the authority of the Delegation to:

**Issue a mobile sports wagering license to:**

None

**Issue a sports wagering facility license to:**

None

## **E Responsible Gambling**

### **1) Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP)**

- a) 40 new participants joined the casino VEP in December. The current number of active participants is 3,563.
- b) There were 16 removals from the VEP in December for a total of 1,617.
- c) To date, 3,252 violations have occurred since the casino VEP began. All violators are subject to criminal trespass charges.

- d) There were 7 additional enrollments in the lottery VEP in December with 6 removals; the total number of participants is 865.
- e) There are currently 751 participants in the instant bingo hall VEP.
- f) There are currently 626 participants in the sports wagering VEP.
- g) There are currently 570 participants in the fantasy competition VEP.

## **E Illegal Gaming**

- 1) As of 1/9/26, MLGCA and the OAG staff have issued 75 cease and desist letters to illegal online gaming operators. Following these actions, 23 operators have voluntarily withdrawn from the Maryland market and ceased offering their games to residents or modified their games to comply with MLGCA directives; 17 have refuted and failed to comply with the cease and desist letters, and 35 have not responded to the letters.