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TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Commission
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SUBJECT: Gaming Division Report for the February 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 01/31/2026							
2025/2026 Registrations began in December 2024 and are valid for 2 years							
Registered Owners		Registered Locations		Registered Devices		Illegal Electronic Gaming Device Tips	
January	2025-2026	January	2025-2026	January	2025-2026	January	2025-2026
0	15	0	23	0	496	0	73

Skills-Based Amusement Device Program – as of 01/31/2026							
2026/2027 Registrations began in December 2025 and are valid for 2 years							
Registered Owners		Registered Locations		Registered Devices		Illegal Electronic Gaming Device Tips	
January	2026-2027	January	2026-2027	January	2026-2027	January	2026-2027
3	3	17	17	410	410	2	2

B Gaming Audit Department

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

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

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	February
Bingo World	December 31, 2025	April 30, 2026	N/A	February
Traders	December 31, 2025	April 30, 2026	N/A	February
Abners Crab House & Restaurant	December 31, 2025	April 30, 2026	N/A	February
Delta Bingo – Laurel	March 31, 2026	July 31, 2026	N/A	February
Delta Bingo – Waysons	March 31, 2026	July 31, 2026	N/A	February
American Legion Post #206	December 31, 2025	N/A	N/A	February
American Legion Post #7	December 31, 2025	N/A	N/A	February
Laurel Elks #2283	March 31, 2026	N/A	N/A	February
Annapolis Elks (#622)	March 31, 2026	N/A	N/A	February
Annapolis Moose (#296)	April 30, 2026	N/A	N/A	February
Mayo American Legion #226	June 30, 2026	N/A	N/A	February
Severna Park American Legion (#175)	June 30, 2026	N/A	N/A	February

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

Crab Sports – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	December	January – February
Canton Gaming – Canton - Retail	Compliance & Operations	December	Ceased operations 12/14/25
Canton Gaming – Pikesville - Retail	Compliance & Operations	December	Ceased operations 12/14/25
Whitman Gaming – Retail	Compliance & Operations	December	January - February
VSC – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	December	January – February
Bally’s – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	December	January - February

- 1) Standard Table Game Rules
 - a. Poker – Updated to allow Double Board Bomb Pots
- 2) Live! Casino has received approval for a new project for “The Lounge,” a nightlife concept that will be constructed in the current Sushi 8 Restaurant & Bar space. The project site is centrally located on the casino floor between Luk Fu and Live Rewards. The existing sushi restaurant and bar will be fully demolished to accommodate the new Nightlife/Lounge Concept. The planned space will include a service bar, guest-facing bar, kitchen prep area, table games pit, lounge area, AV storage room, and stage. The project should be completed around November 2026. Live! Casino has secured the necessary approvals and permits for construction, intends to meet their MBE goals, and is working with the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority and Women Business Affairs. Live! Casino has provided MLGCA staff with plans, drawings and updates as required. Staff will review the project for compliance with all regulatory requirements before any gaming activities begin in the new area.

C Electronic Gaming Device Operations

	Hollywood	Ocean Downs	Live!	Rocky Gap	Horseshoe	MGM-NH	Bingo Halls
VLT Installs	8	0	13	0	10	0	12
VLT Removals	16	0	18	0	11	116	12
Floor Moves	29	0	0	0	63	18	0
Game Changes	8	0	77	0	28	10	0
Change Requests	4	11	35	1	3	13	1

- 1) ITLM Update - As of 2/5/2026, 404 ITLMs in 90 unique Veterans’ Posts are currently operational.
- 2) Monthly ITLM net sales in January 2026 (\$1,444,048) increased by 9.9% compared to January 2025 (\$1,314,116).
- 3) MGM National Harbor has received approval for the temporary reduction of the number of VLTs on their gaming floor. MGM will maintain a minimum of 2,180 but not more than 3,600 VLTs until December 31, 2026. The request is scheduled to begin on or about February 1, 2026.
- 4) **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:

- 1/20/26 – 2/23/26

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

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) 48 new participants joined the casino VEP in January. The current number of active participants is 3,601.
- b) There were 10 removals from the VEP in January for a total of 1,627.

- c) To date, 3,287 violations have occurred since the casino VEP began. All violators are subject to criminal trespass charges.
 - d) There were 12 additional enrollments in the lottery VEP in January with 1 removals; the total number of participants is 876.
 - e) There are currently 775 participants in the instant bingo hall VEP.
 - f) There are currently 643 participants in the sports wagering VEP.
 - g) There are currently 592 participants in the fantasy competition VEP.
- 2) The next MARG meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2026, at Live! Casino & Hotel.

E Illegal Online Gaming

- 1) As of 2/13/26, MLGCA and the OAG staff have issued 75 cease and desist letters to illegal online gaming operators. Following these actions, 24 operators have voluntarily withdrawn from the Maryland market and ceased offering their games to residents or modified their games to comply with MLGCA directives; 16 have refuted and failed to comply with the cease and desist letters, and 35 have not responded to the letters.