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TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Commission
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SUBJECT: Gaming Division Report for the March 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 02/28/2026							
2025/2026 Registrations began in December 2024 and are valid for 2 years							
Registered Owners		Registered Locations		Registered Devices		Illegal Electronic Gaming Device Tips	
February	2025-2026	February	2025-2026	February	2025-2026	February	2025-2026
0	15	0	23	0	496	0	73

Skills-Based Amusement Device Program – as of 02/28/2026							
2026/2027 Registrations began in December 2025 and are valid for 2 years							
Registered Owners		Registered Locations		Registered Devices		Illegal Electronic Gaming Device Tips	
February	2026-2027	February	2026-2027	February	2026-2027	February	2026-2027
4	7	12	29	817	1,227	19	21

B Gaming Audit Department

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

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

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

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

Crab Sports – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	January	February - March
Whitman Gaming – Retail	Compliance & Operations	January	February - March
VSC – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	January	February - March
Bally’s – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	January	February - March

1) The next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2026

C Electronic Gaming Device Operations

	Hollywood	Ocean Downs	Live!	Rocky Gap	Horseshoe	MGM-NH	Bingo Halls
VLT Installs	20	0	9	0	8	126	0
VLT Removals	0	0	61	0	8	25	0
Floor Moves	20	0	96	0	34	43	0
Game Changes	3	30	51	4	3	27	0
Change Requests	4	17	23	1	8	15	0

- 1) ITLM Update - As of 3/12/2026, 401 ITLMs in 89 unique Veterans’ Posts are currently operational.
- 2) Monthly ITLM net sales in February 2026 (\$1,478,653) increased by 10.5% compared to February 2025 (\$1,322,972).
- 3) Horseshoe Casino has received approval for the temporary reduction of the number of VLTs on their gaming floor. Horseshoe will maintain a minimum of 1,350 but not more than 1,400 VLTs until October 6, 2026. The request is scheduled to begin on April 6, 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:

- 2/24/26 – 3/23/26

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) 51 new participants joined the casino VEP in February. The current number of active participants is 3,627.
- b) There were 25 removals from the VEP in February for a total of 1,652.
- c) To date, 3,334 violations have occurred since the casino VEP began. All violators are subject to criminal trespass charges.
- d) There were 15 additional enrollments in the lottery VEP in February with 2 removals; the total number of participants is 889.
- e) There are currently 794 participants in the instant bingo hall VEP.
- f) There are currently 660 participants in the sports wagering VEP.
- g) There are currently 611 participants in the fantasy competition VEP.

E Illegal Online Gaming

- 1) As of 3/13/26, MLGCA and the OAG staff have issued 89 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 49 have not responded to the letters.