

Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency



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SUBJECT: Director Report for the June 2026 Commission Meeting

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

I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MATTERS

During the 2026 Legislative Session, the Maryland General Assembly (MGA) passed [House Bill \(HB\) 1587](#) (Chapter 669), *Gaming - Operation of Electronic Instant Bingo Machines and Report by State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (Agency)*, which requires the Agency to hire a consultant to conduct a study and analysis for a potential expansion of commercial gaming. The Agency is finalizing the procurement procedure in which to hire a consultant to author this comprehensive report for the MGA.

II. REGULATORY MATTERS

The Agency has decided to submit a Notice of Withdrawal in the *Maryland Register* of its intent to withdraw proposed amendments to existing regulations which would reduce the current mobile sports wagering promotional play cap from 20% to 5%. These proposed amendments were published in the August 22, 2025 version of the *Maryland Register* (Volume 52, Issue 17).

III. HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

The Agency's Human Resource Department (HR) informed supervisors that the FY26 June Performance Evaluation Program (PEP) process began on June 1st and covers the rating period from January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. Supervisors now will be able to complete PEPs using the Department of Budget and Management's online version of the standard PEP forms. As part of the FY27 Legislative Appropriation process, HR received notice that the Agency obtained two (2) new staff PINs for the expansion of the Instant Ticket Lottery Machine (ITLM) program to fraternal organizations. The Agency anticipates that this expansion will launch sometime in 2027. Agency is still recruiting for various vacant positions across units and continues to submit Individual Hiring Freeze Exception Requests (HFERs) to the Department of Budget and Management so that we will be able to recruit for other positions in which the Agency received retirement, termination and resignation notices.