

Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency

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SUBJECT: Gaming Division Report for the August 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 07/31/2026 2025/2026 Registrations began in December 2024 and are valid for 2 years							
Registered Owners		Registered Locations		Registered Devices		Illegal Electronic Gaming Device Tips	
July	2025-2026	July	2025-2026	July	2025-2026	July	2025-2026
0	15	0	23	0	496	0	73

Skills-Based Amusement Device Program – as of 07/31/2026 2026/2027 Registrations began in December 2025 and are valid for 2 years							
Registered Owners		Registered Locations		Registered Devices		Illegal Electronic Gaming Device Tips	
July	2026-2027	July	2026-2027	July	2026-2027	July	2026-2027
1	11	1	33	30	1,346	7	47

B Gaming Audit Department

Casino Audits			
Facility	Audit Area	Status	Periods Covered
Live! Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June
Rocky Gap	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June
Ocean Downs	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June
Hollywood Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June
Horseshoe Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June
MGM NH Casino	Compliance & Operations	Completed	June
Live! Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	July – August

Rocky Gap	Compliance & Operations	In process	July – August
Ocean Downs	Compliance & Operations	In process	July – August
Hollywood Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	July – August
Horseshoe Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	July – August
MGM NH Casino	Compliance & Operations	In process	July – August

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	April 30, 2026	August
Bingo World	December 31, 2025	April 30, 2026	March 31, 2026	August
Traders	December 31, 2025	April 30, 2026	April 27, 2026	August
Abners Crab House & Restaurant	December 31, 2025	April 30, 2026	March 31, 2026	August
Delta Bingo – Laurel	March 31, 2026	July 31, 2026	July 23, 2026	August
Delta Bingo – Waysons	March 31, 2026	July 31, 2026	July 23, 2026	August
American Legion Post #206	December 31, 2025	N/A	N/A	August
American Legion Post #7	December 31, 2025	N/A	N/A	August
Laurel Elks #2283	March 31, 2026	N/A	N/A	August
Annapolis Elks (#622)	March 31, 2026	N/A	N/A	August
Annapolis Moose (#296)	April 30, 2026	N/A	N/A	August
Mayo American Legion #226	June 30, 2026	N/A	N/A	August
Severna Park American Legion (#175)	June 30, 2026	N/A	N/A	August

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

Crab Sports – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July (ceased operations 7/20)
Whitman Gaming – Retail	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August
VSC – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August
Bally’s – Mobile	Compliance & Operations	June	July – August

- 1) The next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2026
- 2) Standard Table Game Rules
 - a. Blackjack – side wagers
 1. 21 + 3 Progressive
 2. Perfect Pairs Progressive

C Electronic Gaming Device Operations

	Hollywood	Ocean Downs	Live!	Rocky Gap	Horseshoe	MGM-NH	Bingo Halls
VLT Installs	23	13	64	0	18	74	0
VLT Removals	0	13	61	0	5	123	0
Floor Moves	14	20	6	0	46	125	0
Game Changes	4	9	93	24	53	112	5
Change Requests	5	10	19	3	11	12	1

- 1) ITLM Update - As of 8/5/2026, 401 ITLMs in 89 unique Veterans’ Posts are currently operational.
- 2) Monthly ITLM net sales in July 2026 (\$1,479,371) increased by 8% compared to July 2025 (\$1,365,224).
- 3) Horseshoe Casino has received approval to continue 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 December 31, 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:

- 6/23/26 – 7/20/26
- 7/21/26 – 8/24/26

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) 61 new participants joined the casino VEP in July. The current number of active participants is 3,840.
- b) There were 15 removals from the VEP in July for a total of 1,739.
- c) To date, 3,595 violations have occurred since the casino VEP began. All violators are subject to criminal trespass charges.
- d) There were 20 additional enrollments in the lottery VEP in July and no removals; the total number of participants is 950.
- e) There are currently 905 participants in the instant bingo hall VEP.
- f) There are currently 782 participants in the sports wagering VEP.
- g) There are currently 717 participants in the fantasy competition VEP.

- 2) The next MARG meeting is planned for September 23, 2026 at Ocean Downs Casino.

E Illegal Online Gaming

- 1) As of 8/13/26, 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.