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SUBJECT: Director Report for the September 2026 Commission Meeting

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

I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MATTERS

The Agency submitted two of three departmental proposals to the Governor's Legislative Office (GLO) in August. The two departmental proposals included a resubmission from the 2026 Session, *Sports Wagering Proceeds - Promotional Play Exclusion - Limitation*, and a proposal that seeks to repeal a procurement exemption that has not been utilized by the Agency in over two decades. The third bill is a reworked version of the illegal gaming bill submitted in 2026. Acting Director Baker has been in contact with Acting Director Tilburg, GLO, regarding this submission. As a reminder, please note that full departmental proposals are to remain confidential until approved by GLO and introduced by the Maryland General Assembly (MGA).

Under Acting Director Baker, the Agency is raising its visibility with the MGA. Effective immediately, emails are being sent to legislators in the legislative districts where lottery products have resulted in wins of \$1 million or more. The Agency has averaged approximately 30 winners annually of \$1 million or more.

II. REGULATORY MATTERS

The Agency has submitted emergency and proposed regulatory changes that were presented at the August Commission meeting. These changes were to Title 36, Subtitle 07 - Instant Bingo Machines Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties - COMAR 36.07.01.01; 36.07.01.03; and 36.07.06.08. The anticipated publication date in the Maryland Register for the Emergency Regulations is September 18, 2026.

III. HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

The Agency's Human Resource Department (HR) has implemented procedures for submitting and monitoring requests for the State's Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) Program, which went live on July 1. The 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 the Agency will be able to recruit for other positions in which it receives notices of retirement, termination or resignation.