

STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: August 27, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: **Proposed Amendments to Regulations:**
Instant Bingo Machines in Anne Arundel and Calvert
Counties

PRESENTER: Michael Eaton, Managing Director, Gaming

ISSUE SUMMARY: We are presenting proposed amendments to regulations in the Instant Bingo Machines subtitle of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR). The proposed amendments would implement legislative changes to Criminal Law Article, § 12-308, Annotated Code of Maryland, which provide that an electronic instant bingo machine is not required to print a paper ticket for each game of instant bingo. The new legislation took effect July 1, 2026, so Staff is requesting that, if approved, the proposed amendments are advanced for publication on an emergency basis.

Proposed Amendments To **COMAR Title 36 Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency** **Subtitle 07 Instant Bingo Machines**

Chapter 01 General

The proposed amendment to Regulation .01 Scope, would specify that an instant bingo machine may be configured to either print a paper ticket for each game of instant bingo played, or to allow a player to elect to print a ticket.

The proposed amendment to Regulation .03 Repair and Replacement, would specify that for instant bingo machines that are repaired, or that replace existing machines, the machines may be configured to print a ticket for each game played, or to allow a player to elect whether to receive a printed ticket.

Chapter 06 Technical Standards

The proposed amendment to Regulation .08 Additional Requirements, would add new §F, specifying that instant bingo machines may be configured to allow a player to elect whether to print a ticket, and specifying that if a machine is configured for the player election, it must conspicuously display the mechanism by which a player can make the election, and must print

the ticket. The proposed amendment to §D is non-substantive and stylistic, consistent with the *Style Manual for Maryland Regulations*.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED:

- 1) After review and any discussion, motion to approve the proposed amendments to 36.07.01.01, 36.07.01.03, and 36.07.06.08
- 2) Motion to direct Staff to advance the proposed amendments for publication on an emergency basis; and
- 3) Motion to delegate to Staff the authority to make any non-substantive changes to the approved amendments that may be necessary to prepare them for publication in the *Maryland Register*.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of the 3 motions.