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

I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MATTERS

The Agency's third departmental proposal was submitted to the Governor's Legislative Office (GLO) for review. The third bill is a reworked version of the illegal gaming bill that was submitted in 2026, and this reworked version seeks to address illegal online gaming in the State and streamline the notification and enforcement process once illegal online gaming is discovered. 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).

The Agency has also begun the process of preparing for its annual briefings before the Maryland General Assembly's standing committees.

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 Agency thought these emergency and proposed regulations would have been published in the September 18th edition of the *Maryland Register*, and we now anticipate that they will be published in the October __ edition of the *Maryland Register.*

III. HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

On October 5, the Agency's Human Resource Department (HR) officially moved into its new office space and has developed an appointment calendar to better assist staff with personnel related matters. HR continues to track leave requests from staff for the State's Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) Program, and most requests have been for intermittent leave usage. The Agency is still recruiting for various vacant positions and continues to submit Individual Hiring Freeze Exception Requests (HFERs) to the Department of Budget and Management to unfreeze positions so that the Agency will be able to recruit for positions in which it receives notices of retirement, termination or resignation.