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TO: Lottery Retailers and ITLM Program Licensees
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SUBJECT: Illegal Slot Machines vs. ITLMs

We know that many of you have been hearing about an upcoming expansion of the Instant Ticket Lottery Machine (ITLM) program. Please note that this program is available only to qualified veterans' organizations and qualified fraternal organizations.

The ITLM program was authorized by the Maryland General Assembly in 2014 for qualified veterans' organizations. In 2025, the General Assembly expanded the ITLM program to include qualified fraternal organizations. ITLMs are not available to other businesses. Additional information can be found on our website:

<https://www.mdgaming.com/ancillary-responsibilities/itlm-program/>

Important Distinction Between ITLMs and other gaming machines

Locations that have or will have ITLMs cannot offer the same gaming machines found in casinos. ITLMs are a Lottery product, and each ticket has a pre-determined outcome, like a Lottery scratch-off ticket.

Additionally, ITLMs differ from the following gaming device programs that are, by law, available only to certain organizations or businesses:

- **Comptroller of Maryland Eastern Shore Slot Machine Program:** Gaming machines are permitted exclusively at qualified non-profit fraternal, religious or veterans' organizations in the nine counties on the Eastern Shore. This program is regulated by the Comptroller of Maryland.
- **Electronic Instant Bingo Machine Program:** Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties have 13 operators of electronic instant bingo machines. These machines are separate and distinct from ITLMs and can be operated only at these 13 locations.

Lottery retailers and ITLM program locations are prohibited from having illegal gaming machines that mimic slot machines by both State law and Lottery regulations.

Criminal Law Article §12-301 describes machines that are illegal, and having such machines at your business could expose you to criminal penalties. **Code of Maryland (COMAR) 36.02.03.02 A 17** prohibits Lottery retailers from having such machines on their premises.

We appreciate your interest in these matters as Maryland Lottery and Gaming works to implement the expansion of the ITLM program. If you have any questions about the ITLM program, please contact us at itlm.program@maryland.gov.