

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MARYLAND LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission
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DIVISION: Office of the Attorney General

DATE: April 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Report for the April Commission Meeting

This is a status update of ongoing and special projects in the Office of the Attorney General.

I. Contracts and Human Resources

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed five contracts for the Communications Division for promotion of public affairs events.
- ii. Reviewed one Corporate Guaranty document and one Financial Responsibility Agreement for 7-11 Lottery retailers.
- iii. Filed liens against three retailers on behalf of the Lottery's AFO Division in the total amount of \$31,957.59.
- iv. Reviewed various employment issues and documents for the Human Resources Division, and two Family and Medical Leave Act leave requests.
- v. Continued to work with Staff on the draw games RFP.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Review documents and prepare State Fair contract.
- ii. Review court filings to ensure compliance with applicable statute and regulations for judicial approval of the assignment of a lottery prize.
- iii. Continue to assist Staff with the draw games RFP.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

II. Lottery

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed five requests from Creative Product Development relating to new Lottery scratch-off games and several related promotions.
- ii. Continued to assist Creative Services Division in developing and implementing the *My Lottery Rewards Program* by reviewing rules for new promotions using MLR and by proposing revisions to the overall official procedures to address prizing from entities other than MDI. Met with Communications to discuss streamlining procedures.

- iii. Filed and received Notice of Acceptance from USPTO for the marks, Keno To Go, Carry Out Keno and L Maryland Lottery.
 - iv. Worked with Lottery and MUSL Staff on a proposed multi-state Keno jackpot prize, and on issues associated with suspension of sales of the National Premium Game/Monopoly Millionaires' Club multi-state game ticket.
 - v. Reviewed and submitted comments on proposed changes in Powerball game rules.
 - vi. Assisted Staff in responding to requests under the Public Information Act ("PIA") for records pertaining to: (1) certain lottery winners; (2) data on instant ticket prizes remaining; and (3) lottery retailer sales data.
- b. Upcoming tasks for this period:**
- i. Continue to assist Staff on issues related to the National Premium Game.
 - ii. Assist Staff in responding to PIA request from researcher for substantial lottery, gaming and voluntary exclusion program records .
- c. Issues:**
- i. N/A

III. Gaming

- a. Key accomplishments last period:**
- i. Continued to assist Staff on enforcement and licensing issues associated with casino operations.
 - ii. Continued to assist Staff in monitoring the impact of Caesars' financial status on Horseshoe Casino Baltimore.
 - iii. Assisted Staff on issues related to the sale of state-owned VLTs in anticipation of the March 31, 2015 change in ownership requirements.
- b. Upcoming tasks for this period:**
- i. Continue to assist Staff in monitoring the impact of Caesars' financial status on Horseshoe Casino Baltimore.
 - ii. Work with Staff as necessary on issues associated with MGM's license award.
 - iii. Provide assistance as necessary to Staff regarding licensing, enforcement, public information, and VEP issues.
 - iv. Continue to provide assistance to staff on the sale of State-owned VLTs.
 - v. Continue to assist Staff in evaluating proposed regulatory changes submitted by the operators.
 - vi. Assist Staff in implementing legislation passed during the 2015 General Assembly.
 - vii. Assist Staff in preparing for a license revocation hearing of a sponsored gaming licensee, which is tentatively scheduled for the May 28, 2016 meeting.
 - viii. Assist Staff in responding to a PIA request for: (1) all table game and LT records for the last five years; and (2) instant bingo operations at Traders Seafood, Steak & Ale in Chesapeake Beach.
- c. Issues:**
- N/A

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IV. New Initiatives - Electronic Gaming Devices

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Continue to assist Agency staff with planning the regulation of electronic gaming devices.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to analyze the impact of legislation passed during the Second Special Session, and assist Staff in meeting additional resulting responsibilities.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A