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MARYLAND LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission
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SUBJECT: Report for the September Commission Meeting

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

I. Contracts, Human Resources, and Administrative

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed two contracts for the Communications Division for promotion of public affairs events.
- ii. Reviewed two Corporate Guaranty documents and two Financial Responsibility Agreements for 7-11 Lottery retailers.
- iii. Filed a lien against a retailer on behalf of the Lottery's AFO Division in the total amount of \$1,521.61.
- iv. Reviewed various employment issues and documents for the Human Resources Division, and two Family and Medical Leave Act leave requests.
- v. Reviewed cases brought by an employee and a former employee before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- vi. Continued to work with Staff on the draw games RFP.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Review court filings to ensure compliance with applicable status and regulations for judicial approval of the assignment of a lottery prize.
- ii. Assist Staff in implementing changes to the Public Information Act (PIA) that take effect October 1, 2015.
- iii. Continue to assist Staff with draw games RFP.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

II. Lottery

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed two 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.
 - iii. Worked with Lottery and MUSL Staff on a proposed multi-state Keno jackpot prize.
 - iv. Reviewed and submitted comments on proposed changes in Powerball game rules.
 - v. Assisted Staff in updating the Lottery retailer application.
 - vi. Filed a Continuation for the Mark "World Championship Poker."
- a. **Upcoming tasks for this period:**
- i. Review documents related to the multistate Cash4Life® game.
 - ii. Continue to work with Staff to update the Lottery retailer application.
- b. **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 in drafting amendments to Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP) regulations to clarify items that a VEP applicant may designate to the Problem Gambling Fund. The Assistant Director for Gaming will present the amendments.
 - iv. Assisted Staff in responding to PIA requests for information about Caesars and MGM.
- b. **Upcoming tasks for this period:**
- i. Prepare pleadings in the two petitions for judicial review pending in the Circuit Court for Prince George's and Cecil Counties; each was brought by an individual whose sponsored gaming license was revoked for failure to cooperate with Licensing Staff's attempts to complete the background investigation.
 - ii. Prepare Commission's response to a new petition for judicial review brought in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County by an individual whose sponsored gaming license was revoked for failure to cooperate with Licensing Staff's attempts to complete the background investigation.

- iii. Continue to assist Staff in monitoring the impact of Caesars' financial status on Horseshoe Casino Baltimore.
- iv. Work with Staff as necessary on issues associated with MGM's license award.
- v. Provide assistance as necessary to Staff regarding licensing and enforcement.
- vi. Assist Staff in updating VEP application materials.
- vii. Assist Staff in drafting regulations to implement statutory changes, effective October 1, pertaining to Licensing's consideration of acts of moral turpitude and gambling offenses of which an applicant was not convicted.

c. Issues

- i. N/A

IV. New Initiatives-Electronic Gaming Devices

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Provided advice to Staff concerning issues associated with the Commission's regulation of electronic gaming devices and skills-based amusement devices.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to provide advice to Staff concerning issues associated with the Commission's regulation of electronic gaming devices and skills-based amusement devices.

