

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

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SUBJECT: Report for the December 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 one contract for the Communications Division for promotion of a public affairs event.
- ii. Reviewed one Corporate Guaranty document and one Financial Responsibility Agreement for 7-11 Lottery retailers.
- iii. Filed a lien against one retailer on behalf of the Lottery's AFO Division in the total amount of \$5,525.47.
- iv. Reviewed various employment issues and documents for the Human Resources Division, and two Family and Medical Leave Act leave requests.
- v. Worked with Human Resources Division and other Agency personnel to investigate a new discrimination and retaliation case filed with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (MCCR) by a former employee.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. We continue to wait for the MCCR to issue findings with respect to allegations of racial discrimination and retaliation filed by an employee who has since left the Agency.
- ii. Continue to work with Human Resources and other Agency personnel to prepare the defense for the former employee's new MCCR case.

c. Issues:

- i. N/A

II. Lottery

a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed six requests from Creative Product Development relating to new Lottery scratch-off games.
- 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 rules to address prizing from entities other than MDI. Also, met with Creative Services and others to discuss streamlining rules.

- iii. Assisted Staff in development of the draw games RFP.
- iv. Continued to assist Staff in working with Diamond Game regarding the RFP for Veterans' Organizations Instant Ticket Lottery Machines. Also, met with Creative Services and others to discuss streamlining rules.
- v. Worked with Lottery and MUSL Staff on a proposed multi-state Keno jackpot prize, as well as the proposed Monopoly-based multi-state game.
- vi. Assisted Staff in responding to two requests under the Public Information Act (PIA) for lottery-related records.
- vii. Reviewed and submitted comments on proposed changes in Powerball game rules.

b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff in implementing the Veterans' Organizations Instant Ticket Lottery Machines program.
- ii. Continue to work with Agency staff and counsel for Central Collection Unit to prepare a settlement agreement regarding a former retailer's challenge to a lien that the Agency filed against him.

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 in drafting a new chapter of table game regulations, which will be presented by the Assistant Director for Gaming.
- iv. Assisted Staff in responding to a PIA request for casino complaint records.
- v. Assisted Staff in drafting regulatory amendments clarifying the definition and distribution of an unclaimed VLT jackpot, which will be presented by the Assistant Director for Gaming.

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. Provide assistance as necessary to Staff on gaming-related legislation that was enacted by the General Assembly.
- v. Provide assistance to staff on the sale of state-owned VLTs in anticipation of the March 31, 2015 change in ownership requirements.

c. Issues:

- N/A

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

