

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MARYLAND LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

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

This is the 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 three 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 a lien against a retailer on behalf of the Lottery's AFO Division in the total amount of \$9,344.81.
- iv. Reviewed various employment issues and documents for the Human Resources Division, and seven 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 court filings to ensure compliance with applicable status and regulations for judicial approval of the assignment of a lottery prize.
- ii. Continue to assist Staff with 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. Reviewed documents and prepared State Fair contract.

- iii. Reviewed IT Division's Acceptable Use Policy.
- iv. 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.
- v. Worked with Lottery and MUSL Staff on a proposed multi-state Keno jackpot prize.
- vi. Worked with Lottery Staff and MDI/SGI on providing Maryland involvement in the Monopoly Millionaires' Club television game show.
- vii. Reviewed and submitted comments on proposed changes in Powerball game rules.
- viii. Assisted Staff in responding to a Public Information Act request from *The Baltimore Sun*.
- b. **Upcoming tasks for this period:**
 - i. Continue to assist Staff on issues related to the National Premium Game.
- 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 regulations to: (1) amend several Blackjack table game rules to establish the Super 4 side wager; (2) bring the amended regulations into compliance with the *Style Manual for Maryland Regulations*; and (3) create an all-new chapter of table game rules for Double Draw Poker. These regulations will be presented by the Assistant Director for Gaming.
 - iv. Reviewed and edited proposed amendments to Gaming, VLT and Table Game regulations that were proposed by the video lottery facility operators for presentation to the Commission in August.
- 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 assist staff in evaluating and editing proposed regulatory changes submitted by the operators.

- v. Assist Staff in implementing legislation passed during the 2015 General Assembly that authorizes the Commission to issue temporary licenses to applicants for video lottery employee licenses effective July 1, 2015.
- vi. Prepare Agency's response to a petition for judicial review filed in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County by an individual whose sponsored gaming license was revoked by the Commission due to her failure to cooperate with Licensing Staff's attempts to complete her background investigation.

c. Issues

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