

Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission

STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: February 25, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: **Regulation – Gaming Provisions – Investigation and Licensing
–Vendor Registration and Certification
Regulation 36.03.02.17**

PRESENTER: John J. Mooney, Managing Director, Regulatory Oversight

ISSUE SUMMARY: The proposed amendments to the threshold and fee structure for vendor certification, registration, and renewal should allow more small businesses to become financially eligible for registration. Proposed new § C-1 would clarify that if a video lottery operator purchases goods or services from a vendor *solely* so those goods or services may be given to a player, that vendor is exempt from vendor registration or certification requirements. Operators are already subject to certain limits and reporting requirements under COMAR 36.03.10.09 *Complimentary Services*; new § C-1 would require that an operator purchasing goods or services from an exempted vendor includes in its reports under COMAR 36.03.10.09 the name of each exempted vendor it uses.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED/REQUESTED: Commission approval upon review and discussion.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval