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Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Letter of Information – House Bill 217 - Video Lottery Operation License - Renewal

Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (“MLGCA” or “Agency”) submits this letter of information to the Budget and Taxation Committee (“Committee”) as background information regarding House Bill 217 – Video Lottery Operation License – Renewal.

HB217 would amend the current statute (State Government Article §9-1A-13) by clarifying the application process for renewal of an initial video lottery operation license and each subsequent renewal thereafter. The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission (“Commission”) would renew the license using existing qualification requirements unless it finds, after conducting background investigations, that the licensee is no longer qualified to hold a license. This legislation also would clarify the process and timing for the filing of the renewal application, and would give the licensee an opportunity for a hearing before the Commission could deny an application for renewal.

This proposed bill would require a video lottery operation licensee to pay, for each 5-year period of its initial 15-year renewal term, a license renewal fee equal to 1% of the average annual proceeds from the operation of video lottery terminals and table games at the video lottery facility for the preceding 3-year period in equal annual installments and credited to the Education Trust Fund.

Thank you for your consideration of this information. If you should have any questions or need more information about this subject, please do not hesitate to contact Sean Ford, MLGCA’s Director of Legislation and Policy Development, at 410-230-8988 or sean.ford@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: All Committee Members
Delegates Ebersole, Charles, and Wilkins