

**Maryland General Assembly  
Department of Legislative Services**

**Proposed Regulations  
Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency  
(DLS Control No. 14-110)**

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**Overview and Legal and Fiscal Impact**

These regulations authorize an alternative procedure for collecting, destroying, or cancelling dice and decks of cards if the procedure is approved by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission.

The regulations present no legal issue of concern.

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

**Regulations of COMAR Affected**

**Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency:**

Table Games: Table Game Equipment: COMAR 36.05.02.13, and .16

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**Legal Analysis**

**Summary of Regulations**

Regulation .13 provides generally for the receipt, storage, inspection, and removal of dice. Subsection .13K(1) currently requires, at the end of each gaming day, or at least once each gaming day and as approved by the commission, a security department employee to collect and sign all envelopes or containers of used dice and reserve dice that are to be destroyed or cancelled and to transport the dice to the security department. This action authorizes an alternative procedure for collecting, destroying, or cancelling dice if the procedure is approved by the commission and the security department employee takes certain actions.

Regulation .16 provides generally for the receipt, storage, inspection and removal of cards. Section .16M currently requires, at the end of each gaming day, or at least once each gaming day and as approved by the commission, a security department employee to collect and sign all envelopes or containers with damaged decks of cards, decks of cards required to be removed that gaming day, and all extra decks in the card reserve with broken seals and return the envelopes or containers to the security department. This action authorizes an alternative procedure for collecting, destroying, or cancelling a deck of cards if the procedure is approved by the commission and the security department employee takes certain actions.

Finally, subsection .16M(3) currently authorizes a supervisor to collect all extra decks with intact seals in the card reserve. This action clarifies that it is a table game department supervisor that is authorized to collect all extra decks with intact seals in the card reserve.

## **Legal Issue**

The regulations present no legal issue of concern.

## **Statutory Authority and Legislative Intent**

The State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency cites §§ 9-1A-02 and 9-1A-04 of the State Government Article as authority for the regulations. Section 9-1A-02(b) requires the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to regulate the operation of table games. Section 9-1A-04(d)(6) authorizes the commission to adopt regulations that define the method of operation of the video lottery terminals and table games.

This authority is correct and complete. The regulations comply with the legislative intent of the law.

## **Fiscal Analysis**

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

## **Agency Estimate of Projected Fiscal Impact**

The regulations implement procedural rules for collecting, destroying, or cancelling dice and decks of cards. The agency advises that the regulations have no impact on State or local governments. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

## **Impact on Budget**

There is no impact on the State operating or capital budget because the regulations are procedural in nature and do not directly affect governmental finances.

## **Agency Estimate of Projected Small Business Impact**

The department advises that the regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses in the State. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

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