



March 8, 2023

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

## **Re: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 623 - Gaming – Electronic Instant Bingo Machines – Maximum Number of Machines**

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”), as background information regarding Senate Bill 623 – Gaming – Electronic Instant Bingo Machines – Maximum Number of Machines.

As the bill is currently drafted, it raises the number of Electronic Instant Bingo Machines (“Machines”) allowed under state law, and could result in the need for more Agency staff and potentially affect state revenues generated from Casinos. Raising the cap on machines may require MLGCA to hire more staff to keep up with the increase in the number of machines operating in Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties, as the total number currently authorized under state law is capped and allows our Agency to more easily budget when it comes to regulatory and compliance matters by our current staff. In addition, state revenues from Casinos could be affected with an increase in machines across the state, potentially resulting in increased competition for Maryland’s six Casinos.

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](mailto:sean.ford@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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Director

cc: All Committee Members  
Senator Zucker