



March 2, 2023

Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Information – House Bill 1102 - Gaming - Sports Wagering - Exemption for Sports-Based State Lottery Game

Dear Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (“MLGCA” or “Agency”) submits this letter of information to the Ways and Means Committee (“Committee”), as background information regarding House Bill 1102 – Gaming - Sports Wagering - Exemption for Sports-Based State Lottery Game.

This proposed legislation would amend State Government Article §9-1E-01(j) by authorizing the awarding of prizes in a State Lottery game to be based on the outcome of a sporting event, in which prizes are awarded based upon chance rather than skill. This would allow the Agency to produce a lottery game ticket based upon the outcome of certain sporting events. Similar to the launching of any other new lottery game, this type of game is expected to generate additional revenues for the Lottery. In addition, Lottery retailers may earn additional commissions for the sale of this new lottery game.

Thank you for your consideration of this information, as the Agency takes no position on this proposed bill. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John A. Martin
Director

cc: All Committee Members
Delegate D. Barnes