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

Letter of Information – Senate Bill 537 - Gaming - Video Lottery Operation License - Renewal

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 Senate Bill 537 - Gaming - Video Lottery Operation License – Renewal.

This proposed legislation would amend the current statute (State Government Article §9-1A-13) by describing the application process for renewal of an initial video lottery operation license and each subsequent renewal thereafter. The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission (“MLGCC” or “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. The 7-member Commission would set a license renewal fee after considering the initial video lottery operator license fee and other states license renewal fees. Any renewal fee set by the Commission would be subject to AELR review. Fees collected to renew an initial video lottery operator license would be transferred into the Education Trust Fund.

Establishing an application process for initial video lottery operation license renewal is critical this legislative session as the first Casino (Hollywood Casino in Perryville, Cecil County) will have to begin the renewal process this year.

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,

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cc: All Committee Members
Senator King