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BILL NO: Senate Bill 86
BILL TITLE: Sports Wagering – Problem Gambling Resources – Required Contact Information
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation
POSITION: Support

The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency supports Senate Bill 86 - Sports Wagering – Problem Gambling Resources – Required Contact Information.

Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 86 proposes sports wagering licensees in Maryland prominently display language that would direct an individual seeking resources for problem gambling to a phone number or online resource that could be accessed by clicking a link on the licensee’s mobile application or online sports wagering website.

Background:

The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency licenses 11 sports wagering operators who provide sports wagering in the State. Once a user has met the requirements to create an account, any time the user signs into the account a landing page is displayed. Currently every licensee’s landing page provides information for users to access links or a phone number to provide resources for responsible gaming in Maryland.

Rationale:

Senate Bill 86 would codify this current best practice. The Agency does suggest the following amendments to Senate Bill 86.

Amendment No. 1

On page 2, line 7, after “THE” strike “HOMEPAGE”, insert “LANDING PAGE.”

Amendment No. 2

On page 2, line 10, after “GAMBLER”, insert “OR SOME COMPARABLE LANGUAGE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION”

MLGCA respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 86.