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Morgan State University Testimony
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Senate Bill 885 (Senator Ron Watson)
Internet Gaming and Online Bingo - Authorization and Implementation

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Favorable with Amendments

Chair Guy Guzzone, Vice Chair James Rosapepe, and members of the Budget and Taxation Committee. We, at Morgan, thank you for the opportunity to share our position on Senate Bill 885. The summary of the Bill states the following: *Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain licenses to certain qualified applicants to conduct or participate in certain Internet gaming and online bingo operations in the State; requiring the Commission to regulate Internet gaming, online bingo, and the conduct of Internet gaming and online bingo in the State; requiring an Internet gaming licensee and online bingo licensee to require individuals to provide proof of registration in order to participate in Internet gaming or online bingo; etc.*

Morgan State University is the Preeminent Public Urban Research University in Maryland, known for its excellence in teaching, intensive research, effective public service and community engagement. Morgan prepares diverse and competitive graduates for success in a global interdependent society.

On behalf of Morgan State University, I write to express the University's support for Senate Bill 885 with a recommended amendment. Morgan State University supports the bill's emphasis on responsible gaming measures and consumer protections as Maryland evaluates the expansion of online wagering products.

As new forms of online gaming are introduced, it is essential that policymakers and regulators have access to independent, data-driven research to better understand the economic, behavioral, and social impacts of these developments. The attached amendment would require Internet gaming licensees to provide anonymized transactional data to Morgan State University and Bowie State University for academic research purposes.

This provision would enable university researchers to conduct advanced analytics and predictive modeling related to responsible gaming, consumer protection, and the broader impacts of online gaming. The amendment also recognizes the need for resources to support this research, including research personnel, graduate students, and the secure data infrastructure necessary to analyze complex gaming datasets.

Morgan State University is home to the Center for Data Analytics and Sports Gaming Research (DASGR Center), which conducts interdisciplinary research on gambling behavior, analytics, and policy. Access to structured data, together with the resources necessary to analyze it, would allow the University to provide valuable insights to policymakers and regulators as Maryland continues to expand online gaming and strengthen responsible gaming safeguards.

Morgan State University appreciates the Committee’s leadership on this important legislation and respectfully requests consideration of the foregoing amendment.

Recommended Amendment

To preserve the intent of Senate Bill 885, Morgan State University respectfully requests consideration of the following amendment:

9–1F–09. DATA ACCESS FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH.

(a) Data Provision.

(1) Each Internet gaming licensee shall provide to Morgan State University and Bowie State University anonymized transactional data and operational metrics related to Internet gaming conducted in the State.

(2) Data provided under this subsection shall exclude personally identifiable information.

(b) Research Use.

Morgan State University and Bowie State University may use the data provided under this section to conduct statistical analysis, predictive analytics, behavioral research, and other academic research related to:

1. responsible gaming and problem gambling prevention;
2. consumer protection;
3. the economic and social impacts of Internet gaming; and
4. regulatory and policy evaluation.

(c) Data Format, Scope, and Frequency.

(1) Data provided under this section shall include transactional and behavioral datasets reasonably necessary to support academic research and analytical modeling.

(2) Data shall be provided in a structured electronic format suitable for statistical analysis, machine learning, and predictive analytics.

(3) Data shall include, to the extent available:

- (i) wagering activity and wager amounts;
- (ii) deposits and withdrawals;
- (iii) session duration and frequency of play;
- (iv) game categories and product types;
- (v) promotional and bonus activity; and

(vi) responsible gaming interactions, including deposit limits, cooling-off periods, and self-exclusion activity.

(4) Each Internet gaming licensee shall provide to Morgan State University and Bowie State University the data required under this section, monthly and quarterly, and more frequently as required by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, in a complete and timely manner, and in the form, format, and level of detail required by the Commission.

(d) Research Support.

To support the analysis of Internet gaming activity and the impacts of expanding online wagering products in the State, the State shall provide resources to Morgan State University and Bowie State University to conduct research under this section. Funding to support research conducted under this section shall be provided from revenues generated by Internet gaming and deposited in the Internet Gaming Fund.

Resources provided under this subsection may support:

1. research personnel and graduate researchers;
2. secure data infrastructure and computing environments;
3. advanced analytics and predictive modeling capabilities; and
4. research evaluating responsible gaming policies, consumer protections, and the social and economic impacts of gambling in the State.

(e) Purpose.

Research conducted under this section shall inform policymakers, regulators, and the public regarding responsible gaming practices and the economic and social impacts of Internet gaming in the State.

Morgan State University requests a favorable report of Senate Bill 885 with the suggested amendment.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the State in reaching a solution to support our students as we continue to grow the future and lead the world.

Sincerely,



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