



Rhode Island Department of Revenue

Lottery Division

March 21, 2024

The Honorable Robert E. Craven, Sr., Chair
House Committee on Judiciary
State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: 2024 H 7571 (An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – Casino Gaming)

Dear Chair Craven:

I am writing on behalf of the Rhode Island Lottery to express support with the above-captioned legislation, which would amend the law to accommodate the advent of iGaming and related new technology as well as ensure the costs of investigatory expenses are borne by applicants/licensees.

To ensure the integrity of casino gaming activities in this State, the Rhode Island Lottery relies on the Gaming Enforcement Unit (“GEU”) of the Rhode Island State Police to conduct investigations related to various aspects of casino gaming including background investigations of applicants/licensees. This bill supports the GEU’s mission by expressly including within the GEU’s purview the recently launched casino gaming product known as iGaming and the associated technology used to offer this product. This bill further guarantees that expenses incurred by the GEU in connection with its additional investigatory tasks are paid for by applicants/licensees rather than by taxpayers. Accordingly, the Rhode Island Lottery is in favor of this legislation.

The Rhode Island Lottery stands ready to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Director

cc: The Honorable Members of the Committee on House Judiciary
The Honorable Gregory J. Constantino
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