

Rhode Island Department of Revenue Lottery Division

March 25, 2025

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

RE: 2025 H 5643 (An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – Casino Gaming)

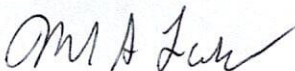
Dear Chair Craven:

I am writing on behalf of the Rhode Island Lottery to express support with the above-captioned legislation, which would amend the casino crimes law to be consistent with the advent of iGaming and applicable age restrictions related to iGaming participation.

The Rhode Island Lottery strongly supports enforcement of age restrictions to ensure that casino gaming activities are limited to those individuals who are legally of age to engage in such conduct. With the recently enabled iGaming product, players who have not reached twenty-one (21) years of age are prohibited from engaging in iGaming as required by the iGaming enabling legislation. To dissuade prohibited conduct, the proposed bill simply codifies that engaging in iGaming by underage individuals or facilitating an underage individual to engage in iGaming is a criminal violation subject to appropriate penalties. Notably, this proposed legislation mirrors the existing criminal laws related to prohibiting underage engagement for other casino gaming products. Accordingly, the Rhode Island Lottery endorses passage 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 House Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable Gregory J. Constantino
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Thomas A. Verdi, Director, Department of Revenue

