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December 12, 2013

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Committee on Gaming Oversight was established by Chapter 1 of the Second Special Session of 2012. The joint committee is charged with examining the status of the State's gaming program and the implementation of new laws relating to gaming. The committee met twice during the 2013 interim and is pleased to present this summary of its activities.

At the committee's first meeting on July 18, 2013, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency presented information on a variety of topics. The agency provided charts on the amount of revenue received from video lottery terminals and how that money is distributed. Next, the agency discussed the introduction and implementation of table games at the video lottery facilities. Finally, the agency discussed the types of gaming activities that are being regulated by local governments in the State.

At the second meeting on September 18, 2013, the committee received testimony on the topics of home poker games, responsible gaming and prevention of underage gaming, and charitable casino nights. Mr. John Pappas, the executive director of the Poker Players Alliance, presented testimony in support of legislation that eliminates penalties for private home games. The State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency presented data on responsible gaming and the prevention of underage gaming. Mr. Mike Mohler, Baltimore County Chief Administrator for Permit Approval and Inspections, provided an overview of how Baltimore County regulates casino night events in the county.

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We wish to thank the committee members for their participation, the representatives of public and private organizations who kept us informed, and our committee staff for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

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