TO: Video Lottery Sales Agents

FROM: Ohio Lottery Commission, Office of VLT Management

RE: **VLT Cage Guidance**

DATE: October 23, 2026

The purpose of this memo is to clarify Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) cage operating guidance for all Ohio Lottery Commission (Lottery) licensed Video Lottery Sales Agents (VLSA).

The Lottery appreciates the challenges of operating sports betting within existing racinos under the regulation of the Ohio Casino Control Commission. While racino sports betting operations are subject to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 3775 and the associated Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules, the Lottery maintains responsibility for the facility as a whole and the overall guest experience. VLSA conduct is also subject to ORC and OAC Chapter 3770, violations of which could result in fines, as well as suspension or revocation of your VLSA License. Below is clarification on the Lottery's expectations for VLSA cage operations.

VLT Cage Operations

VLSAs are not permitted to conduct sportsbook transactions and/or house sportsbook funds in a Lottery approved cage, booth, or bank used for conducting VLT business. This includes hours in which the sportsbook cage may be closed.

The VLT cage is to be monitored by the electronic surveillance system according to Lottery Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) and Lottery Operating Standards. All surveillance components used for VLT cage monitoring are to be exclusively under the regulatory control of the Lottery.

Failure to adhere to the above, as well as other established Lottery Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS), Lottery Operating Standards, and/or Lottery-approved Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and ORC/OAC Chapter 3770, may result in License suspension or revocation, as well as a fine of up to $50,000.00. The Lottery expects each VLSA to be in full compliance with all cage operation-related MICS, Operating Standards, and approved SOPs no later than November 1, 2026, and going forward.

Sportsbook Cage Operations

A sportsbook cage within a racino is to be independent of the VLT cage and is regulated by the Ohio Casino Control Commission.

If you have questions, please contact Simeonia Mays at Simeonia.Mays@lottery.ohio.gov or 216.386.1609