

June 30, 2021

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam
Governor
Commonwealth of Virginia
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd floor
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: May 2021 Sports Betting Report

Dear Governor Northam:

I am pleased to provide our report of legal sports betting activity for the month of May 2021, as required in Virginia Code § 58.1-4031 (2020).

During the month of May, seven operators were active and accepting mobile sports wagers in Virginia. During the month, eligible players wagered nearly \$227 million on sports activities ranging from professional baseball and basketball to tennis.

Sports betting activity is taxed based on a permit holder's adjusted gross revenue. Adjusted gross revenue is calculated as wagers **minus** cash and noncash winnings, voided and cancelled wagers, Federal excise taxes, and certain allowable adjustments. Virginia's sports betting statute defines noncash winnings to include the value of wager bonuses and promotions used to attract and retain registered account holders. That means the adjusted gross revenue for operators may be negative for a month, and if so, that negative balance is carried forward to the following month. These calculations adhere to the statutory provisions in Virginia Code §58.1-4030 et seq., as enacted by the General Assembly in the 2020 Regular Session.

Virginia aggregate numbers:

	May Activity	FY21 YTD
Total wagers	\$226,963,572.97	\$1,092,137,212.26
Cash and noncash winnings	(\$208,958,755.74)	(\$1,047,691,808.19)
Void and Cancelled wagers	(\$1,567,868.12)	(\$6,106,377.75)
Federal excise taxes	(\$556,945.71)	(\$2,708,483.99)
Adjustments	(\$216,702.56)	(\$1,209,456.89)
Total, Virginia Adjusted Gross Revenues	\$15,663,300.84	\$34,421,085.44

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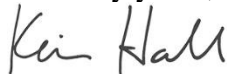
For the month of May, four permitted operators reported cumulative positive taxable adjusted gross revenue of \$15,873,879.72. At the 15% statutory tax rate (Virginia Code § 58.1-4037), total sports betting tax collections in June were \$2,381,115.69. From these taxes, the required 2.5% was apportioned to the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund, with the remaining 97.5% directed to the general fund as required by Virginia Code § 58.1-4038.

	June 2021	FY2021 Year to Date
General Fund	\$2,321,587.80	\$5,418,127.95
Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund	\$59,527.89	\$138,926.36
Total Taxes	\$2,381,115.69	\$5,557,054.31

In addition to these tax collections for sports wagering activity, the Lottery entered into a settlement agreement in the amount of \$150,000 with WSI, US LLC (t/a Wynn) for violating geofencing requirements. This financial settlement was credited to the Literary Fund, as directed by the Code of Virginia.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you would like more information.

Sincerely yours,



Kevin Hall

- c: The Honorable Janet D. Howell, Chairwoman, Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Luke E. Torian, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Vivian E. Watts, Chairwoman, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Clark Mercer, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
The Honorable Aubrey Layne, Secretary of Finance
Daniel S. Timberlake, Director, Department of Planning & Budget
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