

February 28, 2025

The Honorable Glenn Youngkin Governor Commonwealth of Virginia Patrick Henry Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor 1111 E. Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219

## Re: January 2025 Sports Betting Report

Dear Governor Youngkin:

I am pleased to provide our report of legal sports betting activity for the month of January 2025, as required in Virginia Code § 58.1-4031 (2020).

During the month of January, eligible players wagered over \$736 million on sports activities across fourteen mobile sports betting operators and three land-based casinos. January handle represented a 12.8% increase from January 2024.

Sports betting activity is taxed based on a permit holder's adjusted gross revenue. Adjusted gross revenue is calculated as wagers **minus** cash winnings, eligible noncash winnings during an operator's first twelve months of operation, voided and cancelled wagers, Federal excise taxes, and certain allowable adjustments. The adjusted gross revenue for operators may be negative for a month, and if so, that negative balance may be carried forward to the following month, for up to one year. 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, and the language included in the 2024 Appropriation Act (Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I Virginia Acts of Assembly).

	January Activity	FY25 YTD Total
Total wagers	\$736,667,691.64	\$4,344,508,286.27
Winnings	(\$649,286,449.90)	(\$3,910,299,848.55)
Noncash Winnings (eligible promotions)	\$0.00	(\$25,708.41)
Void and Cancelled wagers	(\$4,769,636.81)	(\$28,510,242.74)
Federal excise taxes	(\$1,776,696.97)	(\$10,497,608.30)
Adjustments	\$164,939.44	\$584,159.27
Total, Virginia Adjusted Gross Revenues	\$80,999,847.40	\$395,759,037.54

Virginia aggregate numbers:

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For the month of January, eleven operators reported cumulative positive taxable adjusted gross revenue. At the 15% statutory tax rate (Virginia Code § 58.1-4037), total sports betting tax collections in January were \$12,137,425.77. In addition, a routine audit determined that an additional \$3,087,782.17 in taxes were due on prior periods' wagering activities; those taxes are reflected in the February 2025 collected total below. 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.

	February 2025	FY2025 YTD
General Fund	\$14,844,577.74	\$66,941,490.89
Problem Gambling Treatment	\$380,630.20	\$1,716,448.48
and Support Fund		
Total Taxes	\$15,225,207.94	\$68,657,939.37

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

Respectfully,

Khalid R. Jones

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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, 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 John Littel, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
The Honorable Stephen E. Cummings, Secretary of Finance
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