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### **DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT ... ONE YEAR LATER**

Today Governor Jack A. Markell and Attorney General Beau Biden joined with Safety and Homeland Security Secretary Lewis D. Schiliro to mark the first year of the Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) and its many successes.

Our state's gaming industry brings a substantial number of people and revenue to Delaware and keeps so many residents working. The Division hit the ground running, putting good people to work ensuring the integrity of the State's gaming industry," Markell said. "They've been supported by collaboration, shared resources and invaluable expertise across agencies."

DGE, a division within the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, is responsible for enforcing all criminal violations relating to the gaming industry in Delaware. It is comprised of members of the Delaware State Police, Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, Attorney General's Office, background investigators and intelligence analysts.

"Our research indicated that the introduction of the gaming industry in our State would pose new challenges for law enforcement that could be best addressed with resources specifically dedicated to matters relating to gaming," said Schiliro. "It was vitally important to develop a unique law enforcement team that could focus on background checks and intelligence sharing to prevent the criminal element from engaging in the State's gaming industry as well as criminal violations."

In its first year, DGE worked with video lottery to facilitate the opening of approved table games at Harrington Raceway, Dover Downs and Delaware Park. It conducted more than 2,892 background checks on casino employees and vendors wanting to do business with Delaware's casinos. In addition, it instituted a regional intelligence sharing network with regulatory authorities from surrounding states to ensure coordination on issues of mutual concern.

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“As gaming expands across Delaware we have taken steps to prevent criminals from exploiting the system for personal gain,” Attorney General Biden said. “We’ll continue to work closely with our partners in the Division of Gaming Enforcement, Delaware State Police, Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, and the gaming industry to ensure that the law is followed and violations aren’t tolerated.”

DGE also petitioned the Delaware Lottery with a “list of excluded persons” whose presence could be inimical to the interests of the State or Delaware Lottery, or both. Many of these individuals are listed on exclusion lists in other jurisdictions due to their involvement in gaming related crimes or organized criminal activity.

“While each have separate and independent roles in overseeing gaming in our State, Gaming Enforcement and Lottery worked very closely over the past year. DGE’s cooperative effort and support helped facilitate the introduction of gaming,” said Finance Secretary Tom Cook.

Daniel J. Kelly, DGE Director, has more than 20 years in gaming enforcement in New Jersey. His extensive knowledge and experience in the criminal and regulatory aspects of the casino industry has proven to be invaluable during this first year.

“This first year has been both challenging and rewarding. The creation of a new division requires assistance and support from many of the existing departments and divisions within State government. I would like to personally thank the members of those departments and divisions along with our law enforcement and regulatory partners for the invaluable support rendered since our inception,” Director Kelly said.

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