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Michigan Gaming Control Board to increase regulatory capacity with additional staff, contribute \$6M to Compulsive Gambling Prevention Fund

DETROIT, June 27, 2024 — On Thursday, June 27, the Michigan Legislature reached an agreement on the state's Fiscal Year 2025 budget which includes \$1.9 million of funding earmarked to support the addition of 14 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff positions at the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB). These positions are necessary to support the agency's internet gaming and sports betting regulatory operations in one of the fastest-growing U.S. gaming markets, expand the MGCB's regulatory capacity, and enhance protections against illegal activity.

Additionally, the Compulsive Gambling Prevention Fund and its associated programs will receive a \$3 million funding increase from the MGCB. This increased allocation of proceeds from internet gaming and sports betting funds will enhance the 24/7 Gambling Disorder Helpline operated by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, and support gambling research and education for youth about gambling, as well as existing treatment options to assist those with gambling addiction and related problems.

"I extend my deepest gratitude to Governor Whitmer and the Legislature for their commitment to enhancing the Michigan Gaming Control Board's operations with their support of additional FTE positions, underscoring their dedication to strengthening the agency and its regulatory efforts," **MGCB Executive Director Henry Williams** said. "Moreover, the MGCB's increased contribution, from \$3 million to \$6 million, to the Compulsive Gambling Prevention Fund demonstrates our proactive approach towards responsible gaming. Together, we are safeguarding the integrity of the industry while prioritizing the well-being of Michigan citizens."

The MGCB will use another \$3 million in its FY2025 budget to support the continuation of the agency's "[Don't Regret the Bet](#)" [responsible gaming messaging campaign](#). Launched on March 1, 2023, the campaign provides tips and information to Michigan citizens that can help them play it smart and keep gambling from getting out of hand.

The bipartisan budget agreement is now headed to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's desk for her consideration and signing into law, with funding allocations expected to take effect Oct. 1, the start of the state FY2025 budget calendar year.

Gambling in any form is for entertainment purposes only. If you or someone you know may have a gambling problem, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER, text 800GAM, or visit www.1800gamblerchat.org. Help is available 24/7 and is free and confidential. Michigan citizens can also visit the [Responsible Gaming page of the MGCB website](#) for information on self-exclusion programs including the Disassociated Persons List and the Internet Gaming and Sports Betting Responsible Gaming Database, and DontRegretTheBet.org for additional tools to game responsibly.

The Michigan Gaming Control Board shall ensure the conduct of fair and honest gaming to protect the interests of the citizens of the state of Michigan. Learn more at Michigan.gov/MGCB.