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From: The League's Executive Committee –
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Re: Regulation of Skill Games – Local Share of Revenue

Date: June 25, 2026

State legalization and regulation of skill games is overdue. With the proliferation into pizza parlors, barber shops, convenience stores, etc., many municipalities stepped into the void and initiated their own permitting framework to protect public safety and welfare from the impacts of skill games throughout communities. Now that the General Assembly has a clear answer on state regulation, we anticipate local regulations to be preempted.

In our view, however, the local impact of skill games holds equal weight to the state's interests, as all gaming activities occur locally. Therefore, municipalities are requesting a portion of skill games revenue to alleviate the local public safety costs and societal impacts of gaming.

Additionally, similar to mini-casinos, our members request the ability to opt-out of having skill games in their communities. An opt-out allows for a local decision of whether to accept the additional public safety costs and social impacts skill games bring to a community. We have had members express that they have no interest in hosting skill games – even with a local share of revenue.

We thank you for your attention and consideration of our request. Please feel free to direct any questions to Amy Sturges, Deputy Executive Director for Advocacy at asturges@pml.org.