## Gambling Control Division <br> Quarterly Information Summary FY17 1st Quarter Ending September 30, 2016

## Video Gambling Tax Collections

Video Gambling Machine (VGM) tax collections for the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 (July, August, September) were approximately $\$ 14.8$ million. That is a $2.1 \%$ decrease from the previous quarter, and is approximately a $2.4 \%$ decrease in collections from first quarter of fiscal year 2016. All VGM tax collections are deposited into the State General Fund.


## Liquor and Gambling License Applications

In the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, the Division received 54 gambling, liquor, and combined liquor/gambling applications (including amended applications). This is 10 ( $23 \%$ increase) more than the number of applications received during first quarter of FY16, and 16 ( $23 \%$ decrease) less than the number of applications received last quarter. Currently, there are approximately 1,341 active gambling operators in Montana.
Note: The increase in second quarter fiscal year 2014 and 2016 was attributable to amended applications for a unique situation and not indicative of a change in the trend.


## Video Gambling Machine Permits

Effective July $1^{\text {st }}, 2013$, an individual video gambling machine permit fee was increased to $\$ 240$ for the full fiscal year and is reduced by a prorated amount each subsequent quarter of the fiscal year. A portion of the fee goes to the local government where the machine is located and the balance goes to the Gambling Special Revenue Fund.

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, 16,121 video gambling machines permits were issued. This is less than a $1 \%$ increase from first quarter of FY16.


## Live Bingo/Keno

The total number of bingo and keno licenses issued through fiscal year 2017 is 88 (61 Commercial, 27 Exempt), which is $4.76 \%$ more than this time last fiscal year.

## Special Event Permits

- The division processed 5 Casino Night permits during the first quarter of fiscal year 2017. This is $25 \%$ more than the number of permits processed this time last fiscal year.
- The division processed 125 Calcutta permits during the first quarter of fiscal year 2017. This is $48.8 \%$ more than the number of permits processed this time last fiscal year.


## Live Card Games

- The number of card tables permitted through fiscal year 2017 is 185 . This is $7 \%$ less than the number processed this time fiscal year 2016.
- The number of card dealers licensed through fiscal year 2017 is 329. This is less than a $1 \%$ decrease this time last fiscal year.
- Through fiscal year 2017, 39 large-stakes tournament permits were issued to 19 gambling operators. This is a $2.5 \%$ decrease in the number permits processed through this time fiscal year 2016.
- Through fiscal year 2017, 11 small-stakes tournament permits were issued. This is $22.2 \%$ more than the number processed through this time fiscal year 2016.



