



**SOUTH DAKOTA  
LOTTERY**

VIDEO LOTTERY  
**NEWS &  
UPDATES**

**Warning: Suspicious Emails**

The Lottery has recently been informed that VL operators have received suspicious emails related to bank deposit slips. The emails are labeled as if they are from a State of South Dakota employee, but they are not.

In these instances, spammers can create an email message with anybody's name. The email domain is a registered product though. The domain name is the name to the right of the "@" sign in an email message. For the Lottery - our domain is state.sd.us. All messages from Lottery employees will have this domain name. It will not be gmail.com, yahoo.com, etc. Here is an example:



**From:** Doe, John <[john.doe@state.sd.us](mailto:john.doe@state.sd.us)> <[av.aliorcunabl@olusumhukuk.com](mailto:av.aliorcunabl@olusumhukuk.com)>

The "name" is John Doe and he could be a legitimate state employee, but again, you can create a name to be anybody! If you double-click on the From: address in the message though, the true sender of the message is [av.aliorcunbal@olusumhukuk.com](mailto:av.aliorcunbal@olusumhukuk.com) Obviously olusumhukuk.com is not the state's domain.

If you receive a suspicious message - the first step is to always double-click on the From: address to clearly identify who is sending the message. If the domain is not state.sd.us - the message is not a legitimate message from the Lottery. You should be sure to discard of the email, and be sure not to open any attachments or click any links within the email.

Also, please remember to slow down when interacting with any email that you believe is suspicious. Taking steps such as hovering over hyperlinks to ensure they are directed to a trusted website can go a long way in ensuring your cybersecurity.

If you have questions about the legitimacy of an email that appears to be from us, please contact us immediately.

**COMMISSION  
MEETING**

Date to be determined.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Jason Ahrendt, Sioux Falls  
Jamie Huizenga, Pierre  
Joe Kafka, Valley Springs  
William Shorma, Dakota  
Dunes  
David Wheeler, Huron

**Legislative  
Session**

The 2019 legislative session is in full swing, and some bills could affect you.

We encourage all of our partners to keep tabs on the latest news throughout session. We will provide further updates on any bills that may directly affect Lottery in future editions of this newsletter.

To view the latest on the 2019 session, visit <http://www.sdlegislature.gov/>.

**OPERATORS & TECHNICIANS**

Be sure your paperwork for [board changes](#) and [movements](#) includes an Audit ticket and can be e-mailed to [VideoLottery@state.sd.us](mailto:VideoLottery@state.sd.us).

**CURRENTLY  
OPERATING**

The following licensed manufacturers have approved hardware and software in the market.

- Grand Vision Gaming
- IGT
- Scientific Games International
- IGT Canada Solutions, ULC (formerly GTech Canada ULC-Spielo)
- MTD Gaming, Inc.

VLC, Fortunet/Summit, Harms Vending, and Techlink Entertainment also have equipment in the field.

Licensed distributors include:

- Fortunet
- Grand Vision Gaming
- Harms Vending
- IGT
- Scientific Games International
- IGT Canada Solutions, ULC (formerly GTech Canada ULC-Spielo)

**Cash Access Request Changes**



Effective January 1, 2019, Cash Access requests no longer require a criminal background check.

Cash Access eligibility will be determined by reviewing an individual's credit score. Any credit score that is below 600 will not be approved without additional approval from the Video Lottery Operator. When requesting cash access, operators should submit the person's completed Individual History form and Investigation Authorization form along with a letter requesting cash access for the employee.

These forms can be found on our website. Due to this change, finger print cards and the \$43.25 fee no longer need to be submitted for cash access requests.

**The processing fee for Cash Access requests is \$25.00.**

**IRS Reporting Requirements  
for Video Lottery Winnings**

Tax season is officially underway, which is a good time to remind operators about IRS requirements for video lottery establishments.

Video lottery falls under 'slot machines' for IRS tax reporting purposes. For this category, the required IRS reporting level is per \$1,200 win and machines



are taxed on 'per wager' winnings and not on any accumulative total of winnings. Since video lottery players cannot win more than \$1,000 on a single play of the machine, there is no requirement for any video lottery retailers to collect tax from players or issue W-2G forms.

The Lottery does not dictate IRS policy and is providing an interpretation only. If you have further questions, please contact your accountant or the IRS directly.

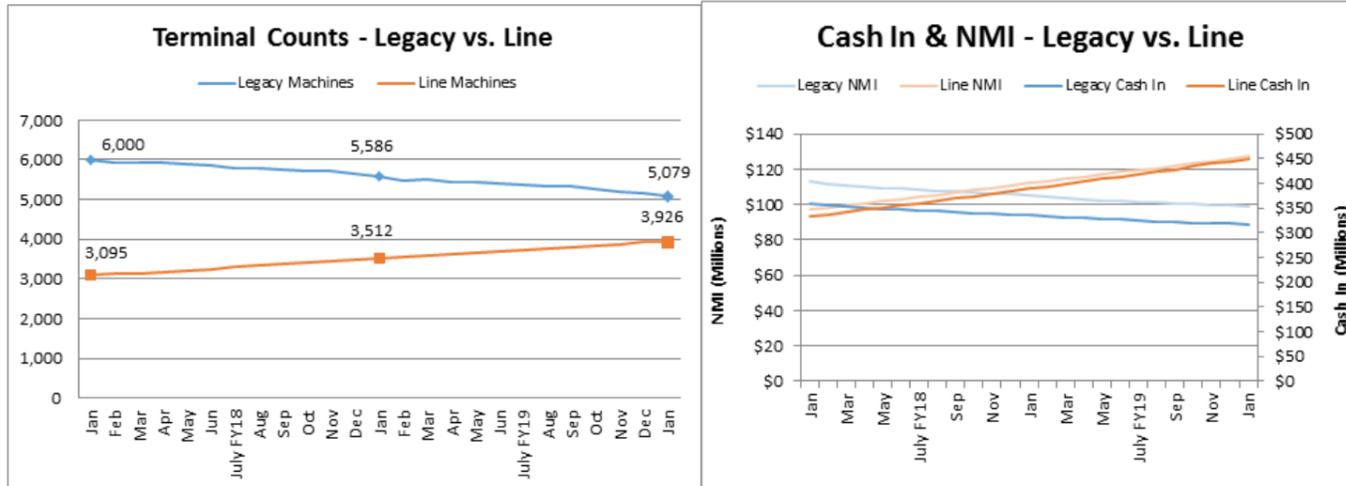
### QUICK LINKS

- [lottery.sd.gov](http://lottery.sd.gov)
- [Video Lottery](#)
- [Retailer/License Info](#)
- [Where Does the Money Go?](#)

### KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE

RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER?  
Get them on the list by sending their email address to [Angela.Bieber@state.sd.us](mailto:Angela.Bieber@state.sd.us).

## STATS FROM THE FIELD



### Newsletter Archives

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