



Testimony on Executive Order No. 07-17  
*Merger between Department of Liquor Control and State Lottery Commission*  
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Thank you for taking testimony on the proposed merger of the Department of Liquor Control and the Vermont Lottery Commission. VRGA has a longstanding relationship with both DLC and the Lottery Commission.

While the executive order has been set forth, VRGA has not learned the details surrounding the changes that will take place should this merger be approved. We applaud the Administration for their creative thinking on how to streamline government and look forward to working with the Administration and the Legislature in forging new and beneficial relationships and practices in the future.

Regardless of the final outcome for this proposal, I strongly hope that, either as one agency or two separate entities, the regulator(s) of liquor and lottery can work with business/agents in a positive light. It has been made clear that there has been an adversarial relationship between DLC and agents in the past – through no fault of a single party. I'm looking forward to working with the new Commissioner to lead this Department forward.