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## New Partnership Aims to Shut Down Black-Market Gambling in Montana

Montana Department of Justice Partners with Gaming Compliance International to Strengthen Oversight and Combat Unlicensed Gambling Activity.

**Helena, MT – February 26, 2026** – The Montana Department of Justice (DOJ), through its Gambling Control Division (GCD), has entered into an agreement with Gaming Compliance International (GCI), a data-analytics and compliance-technology firm, to provide enhanced market intelligence and monitoring services to help identify and deter unlicensed gambling and predatory advertising within the state.

Under this partnership, GCI will work hand-in-hand with the Montana GCD to map and analyze emerging black-market gambling operations, monitor local and online advertising channels, and identify potential links between licensed and unlicensed entities. The collaboration will use advanced analytical tools and investigative techniques designed to protect consumers, uphold the integrity of Montana’s regulated gaming industry, and support state enforcement efforts.

“The Montana Department of Justice is committed to ensuring an ethical and fair gaming environment for Montanans,” said Montana Department of Justice’s Gambling Control Division Administrator Alex Sterhan. “We are proud to partner with GCI to bring advanced technology and operational capabilities from across the nation and abroad to help our fight against illegal gambling operations.”

“GCI is honored to collaborate with the Montana Department of Justice, said Matthew Holt CEO of GCI, “This program demonstrates how public-private partnerships can deliver timely insights and measurable results in addressing the challenges posed by unregulated gaming markets.”



### **About Gaming Compliance International (GCI)**

GCI is a proven leader in regulatory gaming compliance technology and consultancy, providing automated data capture, revenue auditing, operator compliance reporting, a single source AI-powered platform for player protection, advertising and media content monitoring, and black-market mitigation.

We go beyond the traditional way of doing things. The focus at GCI is on enhancing revenue optimization, insight, and market transparency for government regulators while establishing a robust compliance framework that benefits all stakeholders... jurisdictions, citizens, and operators alike. We provide strategic results within the rapidly expanding regulated iGaming and sports betting industry, offering an understanding that a robust, healthy, and regulated market with the proper guardrails in place will protect the public from harm while generating on-going value for licensed operators and maximum tax revenue for government and tribal jurisdictions.

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### **About Montana Department of Justice Gambling Control Division**

The Montana Department of Justice's Gambling Control Division (GCD) oversees all businesses, players, and organizations to ensure a uniform regulatory climate. GCD's duties typically include licensing casinos and operators, enforcing gaming regulations, preventing fraud and criminal activity, testing, and auditing financial practices. The division also investigates complaints, monitors operations, and helps maintain the integrity of the gaming industry.

