

HOUSE BILL 1053

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 282

By: **Delegate B. Robinson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration) and Delegates Anderson, Conaway, and M. Washington**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2013

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Facilities – Employee Licenses – Crimes of Moral Turpitude or**
3 **Gambling**

4 FOR the purpose of limiting the requirement that the State Lottery Commission deny
5 a video lottery employee license to an applicant convicted for a crime involving
6 moral turpitude or gambling to those applicants convicted, paroled, or on
7 probation for the crime within a certain prior period; making this Act an
8 emergency measure; and generally relating to video lottery employee licenses.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 9–1A–14
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – State Government**

17 9–1A–14.

18 (a) Unless an individual holds a valid video lottery employee license issued
19 by the Commission, the individual may not be employed by a video lottery operation
20 licensee as a video lottery employee.

21 (b) Before issuance of a video lottery employee license, an applicant shall
22 provide sufficient information, documentation, and assurances that the Commission
23 may require.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) The Commission shall deny a video lottery employee license to an
2 applicant who is disqualified due to:

3 (1) the applicant's failure to prove the applicant's good character,
4 honesty, and integrity;

5 (2) the applicant's lack of expertise or training to be a video lottery
6 employee;

7 (3) the applicant's conviction, **ACTIVE PAROLE, OR PROBATION** for
8 any crime involving moral turpitude or gambling under the laws of the United States
9 or any state **WITHIN THE PRIOR 5 YEARS**;

10 (4) the applicant's current prosecution for any crime involving moral
11 turpitude or gambling under the laws of the United States or any state, but, at the
12 request of the applicant, the Commission may defer a decision on the application
13 during the pendency of the charge;

14 (5) pursuit by the applicant of economic gain in an occupational
15 manner or context that is in violation of the laws of the State, if the pursuit creates a
16 reasonable belief that participation of the applicant in video lottery operations would
17 be inimical to the policies of this subtitle;

18 (6) identification of the applicant as a career offender or a member of a
19 career offender cartel or an associate of a career offender or career offender cartel in a
20 manner that creates a reasonable belief that the association is of a nature as to be
21 inimical to the policies of this subtitle;

22 (7) commission of an act by the applicant that would constitute an
23 offense described under item (3) of this subsection, even if the act has not been or may
24 not be prosecuted under the criminal laws of the State;

25 (8) willful defiance by the applicant or a person that is required to be
26 qualified under this subtitle as a condition of a license of a legislative investigatory
27 body or other official investigatory body of the United States or a jurisdiction within
28 the United States when the body is engaged in the investigation of crimes relating to
29 gambling, official corruption, or organized crime activity; and

30 (9) any other reason established in the regulations of the Commission
31 as a reason for denying a license.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
33 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
34 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
35 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
36 the date it is enacted.