

Chapter 119

(House Bill 1115)

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Video Lottery Employee – Temporary License

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue a temporary video lottery employee license to an applicant for a video lottery employee license under certain circumstances; requiring that the applicant make certain acknowledgements in writing; providing that the temporary license may not be issued to certain applicants; providing that the temporary license expires after a certain number of days; authorizing the Commission to extend the temporary license for a certain number of days; authorizing the Commission to terminate the temporary license without a hearing under certain circumstances; requiring an applicant to surrender a certain temporary license identification and cease certain work if the application for a certain license is denied; and generally relating to the issuance of video lottery employee licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–14(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–14(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – State Government

9–1A–14.

(a) Unless an individual holds a valid video lottery employee license **OR TEMPORARY VIDEO LOTTERY EMPLOYEE LICENSE** issued by the Commission, the individual may not be employed by a video lottery operation licensee as a video lottery employee.

(D) (1) THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY VIDEO LOTTERY EMPLOYEE LICENSE THAT AUTHORIZES AN APPLICANT TO BE EMPLOYED AS A VIDEO LOTTERY EMPLOYEE.

(2) THE COMMISSION:

(I) MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO:

1. FILES A COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR A VIDEO LOTTERY EMPLOYEE LICENSE; AND

2. ACKNOWLEDGES, IN WRITING, THAT THE STATE IS NOT FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM TERMINATION OF THE TEMPORARY LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(II) MAY NOT ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO:

1. HAS AN IMMEDIATELY KNOWN PRESENT OR PRIOR ACTIVITY, CRIMINAL RECORD, REPUTATION, HABIT, OR ASSOCIATION THAT WOULD DISQUALIFY THE APPLICANT FROM HOLDING A VIDEO LOTTERY EMPLOYEE LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; OR

2. POSES A SERIOUS IMMINENT RISK OF HARM TO THE INTEGRITY, SECURITY, OR PROFITABILITY OF THE STATE'S GAMING PROGRAM.

(3) (I) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION EXPIRES 180 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUE.

(II) THE COMMISSION MAY EXTEND A TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 180 DAYS.

(4) NOTWITHSTANDING § 9-1A-04(A)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY TERMINATE WITHOUT A HEARING THE TEMPORARY LICENSE OF AN APPLICANT FOR:

(I) FAILURE TO PAY A REQUIRED FEE;

(II) FAILURE TO SUBMIT REQUIRED INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION;

(III) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE COMMISSION'S STAFF REQUESTS;

(IV) ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT OBSTRUCTS THE COMMISSION FROM COMPLETING THE APPLICANT'S BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION; OR

(V) ANY OTHER REASON ESTABLISHED IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

(5) IF THE COMMISSION DENIES THE APPLICATION FOR A VIDEO LOTTERY EMPLOYEE LICENSE OF AN APPLICANT WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED A TEMPORARY LICENSE, THE APPLICANT IMMEDIATELY SHALL SURRENDER THE APPLICANT'S TEMPORARY LICENSE IDENTIFICATION TO THE COMMISSION AND CEASE WORKING AS A VIDEO LOTTERY EMPLOYEE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2015.