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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1112

(Chair, Ways and Means Committee)(By Request -
Departmental - Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)

Ways and Means

State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission - Hearing Committee

This departmental bill authorizes the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission (SLGCC) to designate a hearing committee that consists of three members of the commission. Procedures applicable to a hearing before SLGCC are applicable to a hearing before the hearing committee. A hearing committee must hold an evidentiary hearing and prepare a recommended decision for adoption by SLGCC, which may include hearing committee members.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and does not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None. The bill does not affect local government finances.

Small Business Effect: The State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (SLGCA) has determined that this bill has minimal or no effect on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: SLGCC must issue and renew video lottery license applications to qualified applicants. The following persons must be licensed by SLGCC (1) a video lottery operator; (2) a manufacturer; (3) a person who manages, operates, supplies, provides security for, or provides service, maintenance, or repairs for video lottery terminals or table games; and (4) a video lottery employee.

SLGCC cannot suspend a license before first having a hearing. SLGCC must conduct hearings concerning civil violations and levy and collect civil penalties for civil violations. After a hearing, SLGCC must determine whether to suspend or revoke, as applicable, a license. Under specified circumstances, SLGCC may issue subpoenas, administer oaths and require testimony under oath, serve notices in civil actions, suspend licenses on an emergency basis, and propound written interrogatories.

Background: SLGCA advises that SLGCC held 322 hearings in 2014 at monthly commission meetings. They were not contentious and were mostly “consent agenda items.” In 2014, 75% of the hearings related to gaming license denials or revocations.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Comptroller’s Office, Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency – Commission – Hearing Committee

BILL NUMBER: HB 1112

PREPARED BY: Maryland Lottery Gaming and Control Agency
(Dept./Agency)

PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The proposed legislation would have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses in Maryland.