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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming Payouts – Donation of Coins – Maryland Veterans Trust Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt
4 regulations requiring certain video lottery facility licensees to adopt certain
5 procedures for certain players to donate coins to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund
6 under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations
7 requiring certain licensees to attach certain boxes near exits in certain video lottery
8 facilities for certain purposes; specifying the source of certain revenues for the Fund;
9 and generally relating to gaming payouts and revenues for the Maryland Veterans
10 Trust Fund.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 9–1A–04(d) and 9–913(g)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – State Government
18 Section 9–913(e)(2)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – State Government**

24 9–1A–04.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) The Commission shall adopt regulations that include the following specific
2 provisions in accordance with this subtitle:

3 (1) establishing the methods and forms of application that an applicant for
4 any license required under this subtitle shall follow and complete before consideration of
5 the application by the Commission;

6 (2) establishing the methods, procedures, and form for delivery of
7 information from an applicant or licensee concerning any person's family, habits, character,
8 associates, criminal record, business activities, and financial affairs;

9 (3) establishing the procedures for the fingerprinting of an applicant for
10 any license required under this subtitle or other methods of identification that may be
11 necessary in the judgment of the Commission to accomplish effective enforcement of the
12 provisions of this subtitle;

13 (4) establishing the manner and procedure of hearings conducted by the
14 Commission;

15 (5) establishing the manner and method of collection of taxes, fees, and
16 civil penalties;

17 (6) defining and limiting the areas of operation for video lottery terminals
18 and table games, rules of video lottery terminals and table games, odds for video lottery
19 terminals and table games, the types and values of promotional items that may be given
20 away to encourage play of video lottery terminals and table games, the method of operation
21 of the video lottery terminals and table games, and the number and types of table games;

22 (7) regulating the practice and procedures for negotiable transactions
23 involving players, including limitations on the circumstances and amounts of negotiable
24 transactions and the establishment of forms and procedures for negotiable instrument
25 transactions, redemptions, and consolidations;

26 (8) prescribing the grounds and procedures for reprimands of licensees or
27 the revocation or suspension of licenses issued under this subtitle;

28 (9) governing the manufacture, distribution, sale, and servicing of video
29 lottery terminals and table games;

30 (10) establishing the procedures, forms, and methods of management
31 controls;

32 (11) providing for minimum uniform standards of accountancy methods,
33 procedures, and forms as are necessary to assure consistency, comparability, and effective
34 disclosure of all financial information, including percentages of profit for video lottery
35 terminals and table games;

1 (12) establishing periodic financial reports and the form of the reports,
2 including an annual audit prepared by a certified public accountant licensed to do business
3 in the State, disclosing whether the accounts, records, and control procedures examined are
4 maintained by the video lottery operation licensee as required by this subtitle and the
5 regulations that shall be issued under this subtitle;

6 (13) requiring licensees under this subtitle to demonstrate and maintain
7 financial viability;

8 (14) ensuring that the operation of video lottery terminals, table games, and
9 video lottery facilities is conducted legally;

10 (15) establishing procedures for the removal of video lottery terminals from
11 a video lottery facility;

12 (16) determining the suitability of:

13 (i) the use of any variations or composites of the table games
14 authorized under this subtitle after an appropriate test or experimental period under terms
15 and conditions that the Commission may deem appropriate; and

16 (ii) any other game that is compatible with the public interest and
17 suitable for casino use after an appropriate test or experimental period deemed appropriate
18 by the Commission;

19 (17) establishing procedures for accounting for all money exchanged at each
20 table game;

21 (18) establishing the number of video lottery terminals that may be removed
22 from a video lottery facility to accommodate table games; [and]

23 **(19) REQUIRING LICENSEES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO:**

24 **(I) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO OFFER PLAYERS THE**
25 **OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE COINS, WHEN RECEIVING CASH ON PAYOUT, TO THE**
26 **MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-913 OF THIS**
27 **ARTICLE; AND**

28 **(II) ATTACH DONATION BOXES NEAR THE EXITS FROM A VIDEO**
29 **LOTTERY FACILITY, WITH THE PROCEEDS DEDICATED TO THE MARYLAND**
30 **VETERANS TRUST FUND; AND**

31 **[(19)] (20)** otherwise carrying out the provisions of this subtitle.

32 9-913.

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1 (e) (2) There is a Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

2 (g) The Fund consists of:

3 (1) gifts and grants that the Trust receives under § 9-914.2(a)(1) of this
4 subtitle; and

5 (2) contributions to the Fund from:

6 (I) the sale of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines under §
7 9-112(d) of this title; **AND**

8 (II) **THE DONATIONS FROM VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PLAYERS**
9 **UNDER § 9-1A-04(D)(19) OF THIS ARTICLE.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2016.