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BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 940

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert "<u>EMERGENCY BILL</u>"; and in line 3, after "**Sports Wagering**" insert "<u>- Supplementary Appropriation</u>".

On page 2, in line 29, strike "not more than a certain number of"; in line 35, after the comma insert "consider certain matters,"; in line 41, after "circumstances;" insert "establishing the Small, Minority—Owned, and Women—Owned Business Sports Wagering Assistance Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department of Commerce to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund;"; and in line 45, after "date;" insert "requiring the Governor to include certain appropriations in the annual budget bill for a certain fiscal year; making this Act a supplementary appropriation to fund certain education—related programs; providing that the appropriation provided under this Act shall have priority over any other appropriation from the additional revenues resulting from this Act that are credited to a certain fund for a certain fiscal year; making this Act an emergency measure;".

On page 3, in line 9, strike "5–219(b)" and substitute "<u>5–206(b)</u>"; in line 14, strike "<u>5–219(f)</u>" and substitute "<u>5–206(f)</u>"; after line 11, insert:

"(As enacted by Chapter 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)";

after line 16, insert:

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"(As enacted by Chapters 36, 37, and 38 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)";

in line 24, after "9–1A–33(b)," insert "9–1A–36(h)(3),"; and in line 35, strike "9–1E–15" and substitute "9–1E–16".

On page 4, in line 8, strike "5–219." and substitute "<u>5–206.</u>"; and in line 12, strike "2–605.1" and substitute "<u>2–4A–02, 2–605.1, 2–1302.1,</u>".

On page 8, in line 29, strike "5-219" and substitute "5-206".

On page 21, in line 11, strike "**5–219**" and substitute "**5–206**".

On page 30, in line 19, strike "5-219" and substitute "5-206".

On page 39, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2 and substitute:

"SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three—fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 11, in line 23, strike "<u>A</u>" and substitute "<u>A-1, A-2, B-1, OR B-2</u>"; and strike beginning with "<u>OR</u>" in line 23 down through "<u>LICENSE</u>" in line 24.

On page 17, in line 32, strike "<u>B</u>" and substitute "<u>B-1 OR B-2</u>".

On page 18, in line 2, strike "**A**" and substitute "**A**–**1**, **A**–**2**, **B**–**1**, **OR B**–**2**"; and strike beginning with "**OR**" in line 2 down through "**LICENSE**" in line 3.

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On page 25, in line 12, strike "B" and substitute "B-1 OR B-2".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, after line 16, insert:

"<u>9-1A-36.</u>

- (h) (3) (i) With respect to a video lottery operation license awarded to a location under paragraph (1)(iv) of this subsection, the holder of the video lottery operation license or any other person with a direct or indirect legal or financial interest in the Ocean Downs racetrack or video lottery facility may not [:
- 1. <u>build any type of hotel, motel, or other public lodging</u> accommodation on or within 10 miles of the property owned by the holder of the license on which a video lottery facility is operated;
- 2. convert an existing facility on or within 10 miles of the property described in item 1 of this subparagraph into any type of hotel, motel, or other public lodging accommodation; or
- 3.] build or operate a conference center or convention center, amusement park, amusement rides, arcade, or miniature golf course on or within 10 miles of the property [described in item 1 of this subparagraph] OWNED BY THE HOLDER OF THE LICENSE ON WHICH A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY IS OPERATED.
- (ii) The prohibitions under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph apply to any subsequent holder of a video lottery operation license awarded under paragraph (1)(iv) of this subsection.".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

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On page 7, in line 17, after the semicolon insert "<u>AND</u>"; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 19 down through "**OPERATOR**" in line 21; after line 24, insert:

"(G) "LOCATION PERCENTAGE" MEANS, FOR A FANTASY COMPETITION,
THE PERCENTAGE, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST ONE-TENTH OF A PERCENT, OF
THE TOTAL ENTRY FEES COLLECTED BY A FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR
FROM FANTASY COMPETITION PLAYERS IN THE STATE DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL
ENTRY FEES COLLECTED FROM ALL FANTASY COMPETITION PLAYERS,
REGARDLESS OF THE PLAYERS' LOCATIONS, OF THE FANTASY CONTESTS.";

in line 25, strike "(G)" and substitute "(H)"; and in line 29, strike "RESIDENT" and substitute "LOCATION".

On pages 7 and 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 7 through line 3 on page 8, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 9, in line 11, strike "(1)"; in the same line, strike the colon; in line 12, strike "(1)"; strike beginning with the first comma in line 14 down through "COUNTY" in line 19 and substitute "TO HOLD RACING IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY"; and strike in their entirety lines 20 and 21.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 10, in line 1, after "ENTITY" insert "REGISTERED WITH A STATE TO DO BUSINESS WITHIN A JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES"; strike beginning with "THAT" in line 5 down through "BETTORS" in line 8; after line 8, insert:

"(1) THE AMOUNT RETURNED TO SUCCESSFUL BETTORS;

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(2) THE CASH EQUIVALENTS OF ANY MERCHANDISE OR THING OF VALUE AWARDED AS A PRIZE TO SUCCESSFUL BETTORS;";

in lines 9 and 11, strike "(1)" and "(2)", respectively, and substitute "(3)" and "(4)", respectively; and in line 12, strike "PURSUANT TO" and substitute "IN ACCORDANCE WITH".

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 11, in line 20, after "OWNED" insert ", LEASED, OR OCCUPIED".

On page 12, in line 21, after "<u>SUBSECTION</u>" insert "<u>AND § 9–1E–04 OF THIS</u> SUBTITLE".

On page 13, in lines 16, 17, and 18, in each instance, after "KIOSKS" insert ", DEVICES,"; and in line 19, after "KIOSK" insert ", DEVICE,".

On page 24, in line 21, strike "IN" and substitute "AT".

On page 25, in line 17, after "KIOSK" insert ", DEVICE,".

On page 37, in line 1, after "LICENSE" insert "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE".

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 12, after line 24, insert:

"(C) A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE:

(1) SHALL:

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- (I) COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL DATA SECURITY
 LAWS; AND
- (II) MAINTAIN ALL SPORTS WAGERING DATA SECURELY FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS; AND

(2) **MAY NOT:**

- (I) SHARE ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION
 WITH ANY THIRD PARTIES; AND
- (II) TARGET ADVERTISING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS WAGERING AND OTHER AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS.
- (D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY IS SUBJECT TO LOCAL ZONING LAWS.
- (2) THE USE OF A FACILITY FOR SPORTS WAGERING IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO OR APPROVED BY ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD, AUTHORITY, OR UNIT IF THE FACILITY IS PROPERTY ZONED AND OPERATING AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:
 - (I) OPERATION OF A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY;
 - (II) PARI-MUTUEL BETTING ON HORSE RACING; OR

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(III) OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC BINGO OR ELECTRONIC TIP JAR MACHINES.";

and in line 32, strike "9-1E-15(H)" and substitute "9-1E-15".

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 13, in line 23, after "PENALTIES," insert "THE OUTCOME OF PLAYER DISCIPLINARY RULINGS, REPLAY REVIEWS,".

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 14, in line 16, strike the second "AND"; in line 18, strike "AND"; and after line 18, insert:

"(XII) REQUIRING LICENSEES TO PROMINENTLY PUBLISH COMPLAINT PROCEDURES; AND

(XIII) ESTABLISHING A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TO BE MANDATORILY EXCLUDED OR EJECTED BY A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE FROM ANY FACILITY OR WEBSITE OPERATED BY A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE; AND".

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 15, in line 28, after "(C)" insert "(1)"; in line 29, after "IN" insert "THIS STATE OR"; in line 30, strike "OTHER STATE" and substitute "ISSUING AGENCY"; and in line 33, strike "(1)" and substitute "(I)".

On page 16, in line 1, strike "(2)" and substitute "(III)"; and after line 1, insert:

"(2) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT WAIVE A REQUIREMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT RELATES TO:

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- (I) MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOALS AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9–1E–07(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR
- (II) A REQUIREMENT OF THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION UNDER § 9–1E–15 OF THIS SUBTITLE.".

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 16, in line 29, strike "A" and substitute "A-1"; and in line 32, after "OPERATOR" insert "WITH MORE THAN 1,000 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS".

On page 17, in lines 1, 3, and 5, in each instance, after "<u>OWNER</u>" insert "<u>, OR THE</u> <u>DESIGNEE OF THE OWNER</u>,"; in lines 2 and 3, in each instance, after "<u>FOOTBALL</u>" insert "<u>(NFL)</u>"; strike in their entirety lines 7 through 13, inclusive, and substitute:

- "(II) ISSUE A CLASS A-2 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE WHO IS A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR WITH 1,000 OR FEWER VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS;
- (III) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ISSUE A CLASS B-1 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A CLASS B-2 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE;
- (IV) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ISSUE A CLASS B-2 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT WHO IS A PERSON WITH LESS THAN:

1. 25 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES; OR

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2. \$3,000,000 IN ANNUAL GROSS RECEIPTS; AND

(V) ISSUE A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.";

in line 16, strike "B" and substitute "B-1 or B-2"; in lines 17, 19, and 26, in each instance, strike "A" and substitute "A-1 or A-2"; in line 22, strike "A" and substitute "A-1 or A-2"; in line 27, strike "B" and substitute "B-1 or B-2"; and after line 32, insert:

"(4) IF AN APPLICANT DESIGNATES AN ENTITY TO HOLD THE LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(1)3 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DESIGNEE SHALL BE CONSIDERED THE APPLICANT AND SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS.".

On page 18, in line 1, strike "(4)" and substitute "(5)"; and after line 4, insert:

"(6) A PERSON MAY HOLD MORE THAN ONE CLASS B-1 OR B-2 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE.".

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 18, in line 7, strike "\$250,000" and substitute "\$2,000,000"; in the same line, strike "A" and substitute "A-1"; after line 7, insert:

"(2) \$1,000,000 FOR A CLASS A-2 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE;";

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in line 8, strike "(2) \$50,000" and substitute "(3) \$250,000"; in the same line, strike "B" and substitute "B-1"; in line 9, strike "AND"; after line 9, insert:

"(4) \$50,000 FOR A CLASS B-2 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE; AND";

in line 10, strike "(3)" and substitute "(5)"; strike in their entirety lines 11 through 16, inclusive; in line 17, strike "(D)" and substitute "(C)"; strike beginning with "1%" in line 24 down through the period in line 27 and substitute a colon; after line 27, insert:

- "(I) \$500,000 FOR A CLASS A-1 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE;
- (II) \$300,000 FOR A CLASS A-2 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY

LICENSE;

(III) \$50,000 FOR A CLASS B-1 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY

LICENSE;

(IV) \$10,000 FOR A CLASS B-2 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY

LICENSE; AND

(V) \$100,000 FOR A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE.";

in line 28, strike "(E)" and substitute "(D) (1)"; in line 30, after "FULL" insert "AND THE APPLICANT REIMBURSES THE COMMISSION FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO PERFORMING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS"; and after line 30, insert:

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"(2) THE APPLICATION FEE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS NONREFUNDABLE.".

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 19, strike beginning with the comma in line 3 down through "<u>COMMISSION</u>" in line 4; in line 14, strike "<u>AND</u>"; and in line 15, after "<u>(IV)</u>" insert "<u>THE NUMBER OF CURRENT CONTRACTS THE APPLICANT HAS WITH MINORITY—AND WOMEN—OWNED SUBCONTRACTORS; AND</u>

(V)".

On page 21, strike line 8 in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 24, strike beginning with the comma in line 23 down through the comma in line 25; in line 27, strike "<u>UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 5, PART II OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE</u>"; and strike in their entirety lines 28 through 30, inclusive.

On page 25, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 4, inclusive; in lines 5 and 9, strike "(V)" and "(VI)", respectively, and substitute "(III)" and "(IV)", respectively; in line 6, after "FOOTBALL" insert "(NFL)"; and in line 8, after "LESSEE" insert "OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE OWNER OR LESSEE".

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 25, strike in their entirety lines 30 through 34, inclusive.

On page 26, in line 2, strike the period; and after line 2, insert:

"(D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE MAY CONTRACT WITH ANY OTHER SPORTS

(Over)

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WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE TO PROVIDE SPORTS WAGERING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE LICENSEE AT A LOCATION WHERE THE LICENSEE IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT WAGERS ON SPORTING EVENTS.

(2) IF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT WAGERS AT A STADIUM UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1)(III) OF THIS SECTION CONTRACTS WITH A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR TO PROVIDE SPORTS WAGERING SERVICES AT THE STADIUM, THE LICENSEE MAY CONTRACT ONLY WITH A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR THAT OPERATES A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY LOCATED IN THE SAME COUNTY AS THE STADIUM.".

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 30, in line 5, after "A" insert "CLASS A-1 AND A-2"; and strike in their entirety lines 8 through 14, inclusive, and substitute:

"(III) A CLASS B-1 AND B-2 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN 87% OF THE PROCEEDS FROM SPORTS WAGERING CONDUCTED AT THE LOCATION DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSEE'S APPLICATION.

(IV) A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN 85% OF THE PROCEEDS FROM ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING RECEIVED BY THE LICENSEE.".

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 34, in line 16, strike "AND"; after line 16, insert:

"(2) SHALL AWARD A CLASS A-1, A-2, B-1, OR B-2 FACILITY LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND";

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strike in their entirety lines 17 through 21, inclusive, and substitute:

"(3) MAY NOT AWARD A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE UNTIL AFTER THE COMMISSION ADOPTS THE REGULATIONS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION.";

in line 26, after "(1)" insert "THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSES.

(2)";

in lines 26 and 31, in each instance, strike "(2)" and substitute "(3)"; and in line 28, after "FOR" insert "MOBILE".

On page 35, in line 12, strike "AND"; in line 13, after "(III)" insert "CONSIDER ALLOWING EARLY ACCESS TO THE MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING MARKET TO:

- 1. ENTITIES WITH A MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH MINORITIES, WOMEN, AND MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES; OR
- 2. ENTITIES WITH A DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OF
 PARTNERING OR CONTRACTING WITH MINORITIES, WOMEN, AND MINORITY—AND
 WOMEN—OWNED BUSINESSES; AND

<u>(IV)</u>";

in line 12, before "<u>SPORTS</u>" insert "<u>MOBILE</u>"; in line 13, after "<u>ADOPT</u>" insert "<u>EMERGENCY</u>"; in line 21, after "<u>AWARDING</u>" insert "<u>MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING</u>"; and in line 25, after "<u>FOR</u>" insert "<u>MOBILE</u>".

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AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 37, strike beginning with "(1)" in line 13 down through "(2)" in line 17.

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 21, in line 3, strike ", ANNUAL LICENSE FEES,"; in line 9, strike the second "AND"; and in line 10, after "(2)" insert "5% of the fees collected for EACH CLASS A-1 AND A-2 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE TO THE SMALL, MINORITY-OWNED, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS SPORTS WAGERING ASSISTANCE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9–1E–16 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(3)".

On page 38, after line 4, insert:

"9-1E-16.

- (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE SMALL, MINORITY-OWNED, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS SPORTS WAGERING ASSISTANCE FUND.
- (B) THERE IS A SMALL, MINORITY-OWNED, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS SPORTS WAGERING ASSISTANCE FUND.
- (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO ASSIST SMALL, MINORITY-OWNED, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES ENTERING THE SPORTS WAGERING MARKET.
 - (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.
- (E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7–302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

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- (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.
 - (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:
- (1) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 9–1E–07(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE;
- (2) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

 AND
- (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.
- (G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR GRANTS OR LOANS TO SMALL, MINORITY-OWNED, OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES FOR:
 - (1) SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE;
 - (2) ASSISTANCE WITH SPORTS WAGERING OPERATIONS; OR
- (3) TARGETED TRAINING TO SUPPORT PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORTS WAGERING INDUSTRY.
- (H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

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- (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.
- (I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.".

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 38, after line 35, insert:

"SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

- (a) For fiscal year 2023, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation in the amount of:
 - (1) \$1,500,000 for Morgan State University; and
 - (2) \$1,500,000 for Bowie State University.
- (b) The appropriation required under subsection (a) of this section shall be used to establish a Center for the Study of Data Analytics and Sports Gaming at each university.
- (c) The Center shall study and analyze emerging sports technologies, esports, operations management, policy, and regulation, and support scholarly inquiry on the dimensions and impacts of gaming to academic, industry, nonprofit, and government audiences.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for fiscal year 2022 only and from only those additional revenues resulting from this Act that are credited to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund for fiscal year 2022, and from no other funds, and subject to the provisions of law relating to budgetary procedure to the extent applicable, the amounts specified below are hereby appropriated and authorized to be disbursed to

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the following programs authorized by Chapter 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021 in the following priority order from as much of those additional revenues as are received by the State:

- (1) Accountability and Implementation Board \$4,800,000;
- (2) <u>Model Curriculum and Instructional Materials \$2,500,000;</u>
- (3) Expert Review Teams \$1,300,000;
- (4) Career and Technology Education Committee \$700,000;
- (5) Blueprint for Maryland's Future Program Training \$2,000,000; and
- (6) <u>Maryland State Department of Education Financial System –</u> \$2,500,000."