

# Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency

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**DATE:** March 25, 2025  
**BILL NO:** Senate Bill 1000  
**BILL TITLE:** Gaming - Sports Wagering Facilities - Request for Relocation  
**COMMITTEE:** Budget and Taxation  
**POSITION:** Support

The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (Agency) provides the following Letter of Support regarding Senate Bill 1000, Gaming - Sports Wagering Facilities - Request for Relocation.

## **Bill Summary:**

SB 1000 would authorize a sports wagering licensee to submit a written request to the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission (Commission) to relocate a Class B sports wagering facility. Furthermore, SB 1000 authorizes the Commission to grant the request if specific criteria are met.

## **Background:**

The location of a Sports Wagering Facility Licensee's facility was initially considered by the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission (SWARC) prior to the license being awarded to the licensee. Consideration included whether the proposed facility was located within an opportunity or enterprise zone, encouraged Maryland wagering participants to remain in the State when placing sports wagers, and the extent to which the proposed facility attracts out-of-State visitors. Once SWARC awards the license, the Commission then reviews the licensee's internal controls and processes to ensure compliance with operational requirements before issuing a license.

## **Rationale:**

As SB 1000 authorizes the Commission to consider a request from a Class B sports wagering licensee to allow the facility to relocate and there are conditions that the Class B facility must meet in order to move, the Agency finds that the integrity of the process as established by SWARC will continue to be maintained through the Commission.

For the reasons stated above, the Agency asks for a FAVORABLE vote on SB 1000.