

# Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency



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BILL NO.: Senate Bill 418  
BILL TITLE: Professional Licensing Portability - Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses  
COMMITTEE: Education, Energy, and the Environment  
POSITION: Information

The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (Agency) submits the following for informational purposes.

## Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 418 would authorize members of the Foreign Service and their spouses to practice in the State under an existing occupational or professional license currently issued in another jurisdiction. This porting of licenses would authorize individuals who were licensed outside of Maryland as:

- video lottery operators;
- video lottery employees;
- a person that operates sports wagering;
- a person that operates sports wagering on behalf of a sports wagering licensee;
- a person not licensed that manages, operates, supplies, provides security for, or provides service, maintenance, or repairs for sports wagering equipment and devices; and
- individuals directly employed in the operation of sports wagering by a sports wagering licensee if the individual does not otherwise hold a valid license.

The Agency has very stringent requirements for the licensure of entities, principals, employees and individuals who are required to be licensed in order to operate or work in video lottery and sports wagering facilities. Applicants and licensees are required to establish that they meet the following qualification criteria by clear and convincing evidence:

- (i) the financial stability, integrity, and responsibility of the applicant or licensee;
- (ii) the integrity of any financial backers, investors, mortgagees, bondholders, and holders of other evidences of indebtedness that bear a relation to the application;
- (iii) the applicant's or licensee's good character, honesty, and integrity; and
- (iv) sufficient business ability and experience of the applicant or licensee.

When an application for licensure is filed, the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission (Commission) requires a background investigation and in some cases, they may conduct a hearing.

The gaming industry contributes significant amounts of revenue to the State and goes to great lengths to prevent fraud from occurring in every aspect of its operations and works in partnership with the Commission.

	<b>Video Lottery Facilities</b>		<b>Sports Wagering Operators</b>	
FY	Revenues	Contributions to the State	Handle	Contributions to the State
2026*	\$1,115,947,377*	\$479,522,250*	\$4,158,176,917*	\$89,533,260*
2025	\$1,964,816,784	\$831,334,845	\$6,218,831,405	\$88,923,572

\*These figures encompass the first 7 months of the fiscal year (July - January)

The Agency is not able to verify that the licensing requirements for applicants seeking to port a license from another jurisdiction meet the same licensure requirements established in State Government Article §§ 9-1A or 9-1E. In addition, the periods of time proposed in SB 418 are considered extensive. In theory, an applicant could receive a license, resign their position, and apply to the Agency 18 months later. The Agency would not have any knowledge of whether the person remained in good standing with the regulatory authority that issued the license; however, in accordance with the language of SB 418, the Agency would be expected to honor the existing license from another jurisdiction.

The Agency offers this information for your consideration of SB418. Should you have any questions about this Letter of Information, please contact Jennifer Beskid, Director Legislation and Policy at 443-571-4390 or [Jennifer.beskid1@maryland.gov](mailto:Jennifer.beskid1@maryland.gov).