

**HB1319/823325/1**

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1319, AS AMENDED  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 9, after “limitations;” insert “providing that certain payments to certain former video lottery facility employees may not be subtracted from the calculation of a certain benefit; establishing the Video Lottery Facility Employee Displacement Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund;”; and after line 20, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 8-803(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

On page 1 of the Ways and Means Committee Amendments (HB1319/863321/1), in the first line from the bottom of Amendment No. 1, strike “9-1F-12” and substitute “9-1F-13”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3 of the Ways and Means Committee Amendments, in line 18 of Amendment No. 2, after the period insert:

**“Article – Labor and Employment**

8-803.

(d) (1) Except as provided in § 8-1207 of this title for the work sharing program and § 8-1604 of this title for the Self-Employment Assistance Program, an eligible claimant shall be paid a weekly benefit amount that is computed by:

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(i) determining the claimant's weekly benefit amount under this section;

(ii) adding any allowance for a dependent to which the claimant is entitled under § 8-804 of this subtitle; and

(iii) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, subtracting any wages exceeding \$50 payable to the claimant for the week.

(2) In computing benefits under this subsection, a fraction of a dollar shall be rounded to the next lower dollar.

**(3) A PAYMENT TO A FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE FROM THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1F-13 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE MAY NOT BE INCLUDED WHEN COMPUTING THE WAGES REQUIRED TO BE SUBTRACTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

On page 14 of the Ways and Means Committee Amendments, in line 18 of Amendment No. 2, after "**(I)**" insert "**FOR THE FIRST 12 MONTHS THAT INTERNET GAMING IS IN OPERATION IN THE STATE, UP TO \$10,000,000 TO THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1F-13 OF THIS TITLE;**

**(II)**";

and in lines 20 and 21, strike "**9-1A-27(B)**" and substitute "**9-1A-31(B)**".

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On page 15 of the Ways and Means Committee Amendments, in lines 5 and 12 of Amendment No. 2, strike “**(II)**” and “**(III)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(III)**” and “**(IV)**”, respectively.

On page 16 of the Ways and Means Committee Amendments, in line 4 of Amendment No. 2, strike “**(IV)**” and substitute “**(V)**”; and in line 13, strike “**(V)**”, “**(VI)**”, “**(VII)**”, and “**(VIII)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(VI)**”, “**(VII)**”, “**(VIII)**”, and “**(IX)**”, respectively.

On page 20 of the Ways and Means Committee Amendments, after line 11 of Amendment No. 2, insert:

**“9-1F-13.**

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FUND” MEANS THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND.**

**(B) THERE IS A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND.**

**(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO SUPPORT VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES THAT ARE DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING.**

**(D) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR 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.**

(Over)

(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 § 9-1F-05(B)(2)(I) OF THIS TITLE;

(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:

(1) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES RELATED TO ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND;

(2) FOR GRANTS TO FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING TO OFFSET ANY REDUCTION IN THE TAKE HOME PAY OF THE FORMER EMPLOYEES;

(3) TO SUPPLEMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING;

(4) TO ESTABLISH JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING; AND

(5) FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO ASSIST FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING.

(H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

(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.

(J) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.”.