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By: **Senator Hafer**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Allegany County - Paper Gaming - Regulation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing in Allegany County a licensing procedure for  
4 establishments to engage in paper gaming and for persons to sell paper gaming  
5 devices to paper gaming licensees; establishing certain licensing requirements;  
6 requiring the Board of License Commissioners to set certain annual fees under  
7 certain conditions; requiring wholesale vendor licensees to report certain  
8 information at certain times to the Board of License Commissioners; requiring  
9 certain retail alcoholic beverages licensees to obtain and display certain stamps;  
10 requiring the Board of License Commissioners to ensure that a certain  
11 procedure regarding the sale of paper gaming devices is followed; authorizing  
12 the Board of License Commissioners to suspend or revoke certain licenses under  
13 certain conditions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to paper  
14 gaming in Allegany County.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
17 Section 255D  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

22 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

23 255D.

24 (A)(1) IN THIS SECTION, "PAPER GAMING" MEANS A GAME OF CHANCE IN WHICH:

25 (I) PRIZES ARE AWARDED; AND

26 (II) THE DEVICES USED TO PLAY THE GAME ARE CONSTRUCTED  
27 OUT OF PAPER OR CARDBOARD.

28 (2) "PAPER GAMING" INCLUDES TIP JAR AND PUNCHBOARD GAMING.

1 (3) "PAPER GAMING" DOES NOT INCLUDE BINGO.

2 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN ALLEGANY COUNTY.

3 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON THAT  
4 IS A FOR PROFIT BUSINESS OR A NONPROFIT BUSINESS MAY ENGAGE IN PAPER  
5 GAMING IF THE PERSON OBTAINS A PAPER GAMING LICENSE THAT IS ISSUED BY THE  
6 BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF  
7 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

8 (2) IF THE PERSON IS A FOR PROFIT BUSINESS, THE PERSON  
9 SHALL ALSO HOLD A RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE ALLOWING  
10 ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN THE COUNTY.

11 (D) A PERSON MAY SELL PAPER GAMING DEVICES IN THE COUNTY TO A PAPER  
12 GAMING LICENSEE IF THE PERSON OBTAINS A WHOLESALE VENDOR'S LICENSE  
13 ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE  
14 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

15 (E) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL SET ANNUAL FEES FOR  
16 THE PAPER GAMING LICENSE AND THE WHOLESALE VENDOR'S LICENSE TO COVER  
17 BUT NOT TO EXCEED THE COST TO ADMINISTER THIS SECTION.

18 (F) QUARTERLY, WHOLESALE VENDOR LICENSEES SHALL PROVIDE A LIST TO  
19 THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS OF ALL CUSTOMERS TO WHOM THEY SELL  
20 GAMING PRODUCTS AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PRODUCTS SOLD TO EACH  
21 CUSTOMER.

22 (G) A RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSEE WHO HOLDS A PAPER  
23 GAMING LICENSE SHALL OBTAIN WITHOUT CHARGE FROM THE BOARD OF LICENSE  
24 COMMISSIONERS A STAMP TO BE DISPLAYED WITH THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
25 LICENSE.

26 (H) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH  
27 RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSEE WHO HOLDS A PAPER GAMING LICENSE  
28 SELLS TO THE PUBLIC THE SAME SERIAL NUMBERED PAPER GAMING DEVICES THAT  
29 ARE LISTED ON THE BILL OF SALE FROM THE WHOLESALE VENDOR LICENSEE.

30 (I) IF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AFTER A HEARING FINDS  
31 THAT A PAPER GAMING LICENSEE, A WHOLESALE VENDOR LICENSEE, OR AN AGENT  
32 OF A LICENSEE HAS VIOLATED A PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF  
33 LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND THE LICENSE.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
35 October 1, 2001.