

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 800

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, strike “CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT”; in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Donoghue” and substitute “Delegates Donoghue, Healey, Howard, Jones, Kaiser, King, Patterson, Ramirez, and Ross”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute:

“Commission to Study Video Lottery Terminals in Maryland”;

and after line 2, insert:

“FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission to Study Video Lottery Terminals in Maryland; requiring the Commission to review and evaluate the effects of authorizing video lottery terminals in the State; providing for the membership of the Commission; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to consider geographic diversity in the appointment of Commission members; requiring the Commission to consult with certain executive branch agencies; prohibiting the compensation of members of the Commission but authorizing reimbursement of members of the Commission for certain expenses; requiring the Commission to report findings and recommendations by a certain date; providing for the staffing of the Commission; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Commission to Study Video Lottery Terminals in Maryland.”.

On pages 1 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 1 through line 40 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

(Over)

That:

(a) There is a Commission to Study Video Lottery Terminals in Maryland.

(b) The Commission shall review and evaluate the effects of authorizing the operation of video lottery terminals for gaming purposes in the State, including:

(1) the estimated annual impact on State revenues;

(2) the potential social costs of increases in compulsive gaming and the behaviors associated with compulsive gaming;

(3) the potential economic development benefits and the effects on other economic sectors in the State, including the horse racing, tourism, and restaurant industries;

(4) the impact on State lottery revenues and other gaming activities in the State;

(5) the impact of video lottery terminal operations in Delaware and West Virginia and the potential impact of gaming changes in neighboring states;

(6) the appropriate number of and locations for video lottery terminal facilities, including the feasibility of locating these facilities at existing racetrack locations and the potential costs and appropriate allowances for expenses of operating video lottery terminals;

(7) the potential impact of video lottery terminal facilities on local jurisdictions;

and

(8) the impact on law enforcement and criminal activity.

(c) The Commission shall be composed of 16 members as follows:

(1) a member of the Senate of Maryland, who shall serve as co-chairman of the Commission, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) a member of the House of Delegates, who shall serve as co-chairman of the Commission, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) seven members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate, including at least one member from each county with an existing or proposed racetrack

holding or planning to hold live thoroughbred or standardbred racing; and

(4) seven members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, including at least one member from each county with an existing or proposed racetrack holding or planning to hold live thoroughbred or standardbred racing.

(d) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall consider geographic diversity in the appointment of members to the Commission.

(e) In gathering information to formulate its findings and recommendations, the Commission shall consult with the appropriate executive branch agencies.

(f) The Department of Legislative Services and the University of Maryland shall provide staff support to the Commission.

(g) A member of the Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

(h) The Commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly by December 31, 2003.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.