

HOUSE BILL 1103
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Delegates McMillan and Simmons**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Limitation and Casino Prohibition Act of 2003**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a new article to the Constitution to prohibit the General
4 Assembly from authorizing on or after a certain date additional or expanded
5 locations for video lottery gaming or casino-style gaming; specifying certain
6 forms of prohibited video lottery gaming and casino-style gaming; exempting
7 certain forms of gaming from this prohibition; and submitting this amendment
8 to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

9 BY proposing an addition to the Constitution of Maryland
10 New Article XIX - Video Lottery Terminals and Casinos
11 Section 1

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses
14 concurring), That it be proposed that the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:

15 **ARTICLE XIX - VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS AND CASINOS**

16 1.

17 (A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

18 (1) LOTTERIES CONDUCTED UNDER TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE
19 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND;

20 (2) WAGERING ON HORSE RACING CONDUCTED UNDER TITLE 11 OF THE
21 BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND; AND

22 (3) GAMING CONDUCTED BY A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION UNDER TITLE
23 13 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

24 (B) ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY MAY NOT AUTHORIZE ANY EXPANDED OR ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS FOR
26 VIDEO LOTTERY OR CASINO-STYLE GAMING, INCLUDING:

- 1 (1) CARD GAMES;
- 2 (2) DICE GAMES;
- 3 (3) ROULETTE;
- 4 (4) SLOT MACHINE GAMING; OR
- 5 (5) GAMING INVOLVING VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS OR ANY OTHER
6 ELECTRONIC CONTRIVANCES, MACHINES, OR DEVICES THAT, ON INSERTION OF A
7 COIN, TOKEN, OR SIMILAR OBJECT OR ON PAYMENT OF CONSIDERATION, MAY BE
8 PLAYED OR OPERATED, THE PLAY OR OPERATION OF WHICH, WHETHER BY SKILL OR
9 CHANCE, ENTITLES THE PLAYER OR OPERATOR TO RECEIVE:
- 10 (I) TOKENS; OR
- 11 (II) ANYTHING OF VALUE, INCLUDING CASH, PREMIUMS, AND
12 MERCHANDISE.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
14 determines that the amendment to the Constitution of Maryland proposed by this Act
15 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, Section 1 of the
16 Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
18 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland shall be submitted to the
19 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
20 November, 2004 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in
21 Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this
22 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot
23 there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against
24 the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the
25 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the
26 proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further
27 proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.