

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Video Lottery Terminals - Interstate Revenue Sharing**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Governor to negotiate a revenue sharing arrangement
4 with neighboring states that have gaming facilities with video lottery terminals,
5 based in part on the number of State visitors to those gaming facilities;
6 providing that revenue raised by the arrangement should be paid into the
7 General Fund; allowing the General Assembly to authorize the installation of an
8 ample number of video lottery terminals at certain locations in the State under
9 certain circumstances; specifying that the State will not install video lottery
10 terminals near the border of a state when an arrangement with the state is in
11 effect; and generally relating to interstate revenue sharing.

12 WHEREAS, The tourist and entertainment industries of Maryland are critical
13 components of the State's economic structure and, properly managed, can contribute
14 substantively to the State's prosperity; and

15 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that Maryland residents are taking
16 millions of dollars of disposable income out of the State to play video lottery terminals
17 in neighboring states; and

18 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that the attraction of video lottery
19 terminals in neighboring states has resulted in increased economic activity in those
20 states; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the
22 General Assembly urges the Governor to negotiate a revenue sharing arrangement
23 with each neighboring state with gaming facilities that feature video lottery
24 terminals, based in part on the number of State visitors to those gaming facilities; and
25 be it further

26 **RESOLVED**, That revenue realized by a revenue sharing agreement with a
27 neighboring state should be paid into the General Fund; and be it further

28 **RESOLVED**, That if the governing body of a neighboring state does not commit
29 to the negotiated revenue sharing agreement, the General Assembly may authorize
30 the installation of an ample number of video lottery terminals only at:

1 (1) the Chesapeake House on Route I-95 or a nearby venue close to
2 the Delaware state line;

3 (2) a venue that is in Hagerstown or that is close to the intersection
4 of Routes I-70 and I-81 or to the Virginia and West Virginia state lines; or

5 (3) Sandy Hook or a nearby venue close to the West Virginia state
6 line; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the State will not install video lottery terminals near the
8 border of a state when a revenue sharing arrangement with that state is in effect; and
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
11 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
12 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
13 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.