

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1426
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Goldwater” and substitute “Goldwater, C. Davis, Elmore, Franchot, Hixson, Impallaria, and Nathan-Pulliam”; strike in its entirety line 2 and substitute “Task Force to Study Charitable and Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “State” in line 13 and substitute “establishing a Task Force to Study Charitable and Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland to study and assess certain gaming activities in the State; providing for the membership and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring a report by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Charitable and Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland”; strike in their entirety lines 14 through 23, inclusive; and in line 25, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 20 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study Charitable and Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland.

(b) The Task Force shall study and assess the following issues:

(1) the current statutory and regulatory provisions governing charitable and commercial gaming activities at the State and local levels;

(2) the prevalence of illegal charitable and commercial gaming activities in local jurisdictions;

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(3) the financial impact of charitable and commercial gaming activities on qualified organizations conducting the activities, and other organizations that may benefit financially from such activities;

(4) the impact of charitable and commercial gaming activities on law enforcement agencies;

(5) the impact of charitable and commercial gaming activities on other types of legalized gaming activities in the State, including the State Lottery and horse racing;

(6) the feasibility of each county and Baltimore City having local gaming commissions to regulate charitable and commercial gaming activities;

(7) how the State may exercise additional or improved oversight of charitable and commercial gaming activities; and

(8) any other issues concerning charitable and commercial gaming activities in the State.

(c) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

(1) a chair, appointed by the Governor;

(2) three members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) three members of the House Committee on Ways and Means, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(4) the Comptroller of the Treasury, or the Comptroller's designee;

(5) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

(6) the Director of the State Lottery Agency, or the Director's designee;

(7) a representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;

- (8) a representative of the Maryland Municipal League;
 - (9) a representative of the Maryland Sheriff's Association; and
 - (10) two representatives of qualified organizations that conduct charitable or commercial gaming activities, appointed by the Governor.
- (d) The Comptroller of the Treasury and the Attorney General shall provide staff support to the Task Force.
- (e) A member of the Task Force:
- (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
 - (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- (f) The Task Force shall submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2007.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, strike in its entirety line 22 and substitute “June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.”