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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Controlled Gaming Facilities - Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that, if legislation is enacted providing for the
4 operation and licensing of controlled gaming facilities in the State, the State
5 regulatory entity shall own or lease the controlled gaming facilities, buy certain
6 equipment, and prohibit a controlled gaming facility from being located in
7 certain locations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to controlled
8 gaming facilities in the State.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - State Government

11 Section 9-1A-01 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 1A. Controlled Gaming
12 Facilities"

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - State Government**

18 **SUBTITLE 1A. CONTROLLED GAMING FACILITIES.**

19 9-1A-01.

20 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
21 INDICATED.

22 (2) (I) "CONTROLLED GAME" MEANS A GAME OF SKILL OR OF CHANCE
23 PLAYED WITH CARDS, DICE, OR WITH ANY MACHINE OR OTHER DEVICE FOR MONEY,
24 PROPERTY, CHECKS, CREDIT, OR ANYTHING OF VALUE, WHETHER THE PAYOUT IS
25 MADE AUTOMATICALLY FROM A MACHINE OR DEVICE OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER.

26 (II) "CONTROLLED GAME" INCLUDES ROULETTE, KENO, BINGO,
27 FANTAN, TWENTY-ONE, BLACKJACK, CRAPS, POKER, WHEEL OF FORTUNE,

1 BACCARAT, SLOT MACHINE, VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL, OR ANY OTHER GAME OR
2 DEVICE APPROVED BY THE REGULATORY ENTITY.

3 (III) "CONTROLLED GAME" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

4 1. STATE LOTTERIES CONDUCTED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF
5 THIS TITLE;

6 2. WAGERING ON HORSE RACING CONDUCTED UNDER TITLE
7 11 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE;

8 3. GAMING CONDUCTED BY A BONA FIDE FRATERNAL, CIVIC,
9 WELFARE, VETERANS', RELIGIOUS OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, VOLUNTEER
10 FIRE COMPANY, OR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR ORGANIZATION UNDER TITLES 12 AND
11 13 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; AND

12 4. THE OPERATION OF SLOT MACHINES IN PRIVATE CLUBS
13 OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLES 12 AND 13 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

14 (3) "CONTROLLED GAMING FACILITY" MEANS A FACILITY IN THE STATE
15 WHERE CONTROLLED GAMES ARE CONDUCTED.

16 (B) IF LEGISLATION IS ENACTED PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION AND
17 LICENSING OF CONTROLLED GAMING FACILITIES, THE STATE REGULATING ENTITY
18 SHALL:

19 (1) OWN OR LEASE THE CONTROLLED GAMING FACILITIES AND BUY
20 CONTROLLED GAMING EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING A CENTRAL-SITE COMPUTER TO
21 WHICH VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS ARE LINKED; AND

22 (2) PROHIBIT A CONTROLLED GAMING FACILITY FROM BEING LOCATED
23 IN AN AREA WHERE THE STATE REGULATING ENTITY DETERMINES THAT IT WOULD
24 BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY OR TO LAND CONSERVATION
25 EFFORTS.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2006.