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Senate Bill 42
Budget and Taxation

(Senator Colburn)

Video Lottery Terminals - Statewide Straw Ballot

This bill requires the State Board of Elections to include a straw ballot question on the November 2006 general election ballot. The question will ask State voters if they support locating video lottery terminals (VLTs) licensed by the State for commercial gaming purposes at up to three licensed horse racetracks and three nontrack location destinations. The vote is advisory only.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The State Board of Elections could include the question on November 2006 general election ballots with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: VLTs for commercial gaming purposes are not authorized anywhere in the State.

Background: For further discussion of VLTs and other gambling in Maryland, please consult the *Legislators' Guide to Video Lottery Terminal Gambling*.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 526 of 2005 and SB 933 of 2004, similar bills that applied to only Dorchester County, were not reported from the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

Cross File: None.

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