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Ways and Means

(Delegates Cardin and Goldwater)

Judicial Proceedings

Task Force to Study Charitable and Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study Charitable and Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007 and terminates December 31, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs are assumed to be minimal and can be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The task force is charged with studying the following issues:

- the current statutory and regulatory provisions governing charitable and commercial gaming in the State and at local levels;
- the prevalence of illegal charitable and commercial gaming activities in local jurisdictions;
- the financial impact of charitable and commercial gaming activities on various organizations;

- the impact of charitable and commercial gaming activities on law enforcement agencies;
- the impact of charitable and commercial gaming activities on other types of legalized gambling in the State;
- the feasibility of each county and Baltimore City having local gaming commissions to regulate charitable and commercial gaming activities;
- how the State may exercise additional or improved oversight of charitable and commercial gaming; and
- any other issues concerning charitable and commercial gaming activities in the State.

The Comptroller of the Treasury and the Attorney General will provide staff support to the task force. Members of the task force may not be compensated, but can be reimbursed for their expenses.

The task force shall submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2007.

Current Law: Each county is responsible for regulating gaming activities conducted by civic and charitable organizations. There is no statewide reporting of gaming activities by civic and charitable organizations. Gaming licensees may use the proceeds of gaming activities for the benefit of their own organizations, but do not need to share them with other organizations. However, slot machine operators must use half of the proceeds from slot machines to benefit a charity.

State gaming law requirements currently apply to 15 counties.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Somerset County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Garrett County, Dorchester County, Charles County, Comptroller's Office, Department of State Police, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County, Frederick County, Department of Legislative Services

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