

SENATE BILL 216

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By: **Senator Colburn**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2007

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Terminals – Statewide Straw Ballot**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in the next
4 general election of the State to determine the sense of the voters in the State on
5 the issue of locating video lottery terminals licensed by the State for commercial
6 gaming purposes at certain types of locations in the State; providing for the
7 carrying out of the straw ballot; and generally relating to the holding of a straw
8 ballot at the next general election of the State.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That under the provisions of the Election Law Article, the State Board
11 of Elections shall prepare and include on the ballot for the November general election
12 of 2008 the following question:

13 “Do you support locating video lottery terminals licensed by the State for
14 commercial gaming purposes at up to three licensed horse racetracks in the State and
15 at up to three nonracetrack destination locations?”

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of
17 Elections shall do those things necessary and proper to place this question on the
18 ballot prepared for the November general election of 2008, so that each participating
19 voter in the State may have the opportunity to cast a vote on the question. The
20 question shall be proposed, presented, tallied, and reported in general accordance with
21 the provisions of the Election Law Article. The vote on this question is advisory only.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2007.