

HOUSE BILL 33

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Delegates Olszewski, Minnick, Oaks, and Weir**

Introduced and read first time: October 29, 2007

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Casino Act of 2008**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a new article to the Maryland Constitution to authorize the
4 General Assembly on or after a certain date to allow expanded or additional
5 locations for casino-style gaming; specifying certain forms of authorized
6 casino-style gaming; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of
7 the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

8 BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
9 New Article XIX – Casinos
10 Section 1

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses
13 concurring), That it be proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:

14 ARTICLE XIX – CASINOS

15 1.

16 ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY MAY AUTHORIZE EXPANDED OR ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS FOR
18 CASINO-STYLE GAMING, INCLUDING:

19 (1) **CARD GAMES;**

20 (2) **DICE GAMES;**

21 (3) **ROULETTE;**

22 (4) **SLOT MACHINE GAMING; OR**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(5) GAMING INVOLVING VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS OR ANY**
2 **OTHER ELECTRONIC CONTRIVANCES, MACHINES, OR DEVICES THAT, ON**
3 **INSERTION OF A COIN, TOKEN, OR SIMILAR OBJECT OR ON PAYMENT OF**
4 **CONSIDERATION, MAY BE PLAYED OR OPERATED, THE PLAY OR OPERATION OF**
5 **WHICH, WHETHER BY SKILL OR CHANCE, ENTITLES THE PLAYER OR OPERATOR**
6 **TO RECEIVE TOKENS OR ANYTHING OF VALUE, INCLUDING CASH, PREMIUMS,**
7 **AND MERCHANDISE.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
9 determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by this Act
10 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the
11 Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not
12 apply.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
14 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
15 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
16 November, 2008 for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the
17 Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment
18 to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the
19 words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional
20 Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall
21 be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as
22 directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in
23 accordance with Article XIV.