

HB 26

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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 26 (Delegate Rudolph)
Ways and Means

Maryland Gaming Act of 2008

This bill provides for the regulation of casino games and video lottery terminals (VLTs) by the Maryland Gaming and Lottery Administration (formerly the State Lottery Commission). The administration may issue licenses for one “resort casino” and up to three “racinos” and will select their locations in conjunction with the affected county governing bodies. No more than 5,000 VLTs can be authorized for the resort casino and no more 3,500 for each racino. A license fee of \$250 million for the resort casino and \$150 million for each racino is required. The bill also provides for other license fees, an annual fee for each slot machine and the distribution of casino and VLT proceeds. A Compulsive Gambling Fund is established in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and a Division of Gaming Enforcement in the Office of the Attorney General.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Due to time constraints, an analysis and fiscal estimate for this bill could not be completed in time for the bill hearing. A revised Fiscal and Policy Note will be written and issued at a later date.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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