

# SENATE BILL 423

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By: **Senator Madaleno**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Terminals - Ballot Issue Committee - Expansion of Required**  
3 **Information**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a ballot issue committee that is formed to promote the  
5 success or defeat of the constitutional amendment to authorize video lottery  
6 terminal gaming in the State to file an additional campaign finance report at a  
7 certain time; requiring a business entity that makes expenditures of a certain  
8 amount for a certain purpose to file a certain campaign finance report and  
9 include certain information about certain expenditures; defining a certain term;  
10 and generally relating to video lottery.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Chapter 4 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Special Session of 2007  
13 Section 10

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Chapter 4 of the Acts of the Special Session of 2007**

17 SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

18 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (2) "Ballot issue committee" has the meaning stated in § 1-101(f) of  
20 the Election Law Article.

21 (3) "Campaign finance report" has the meaning stated in § 1-101(i) of  
22 the Election Law Article.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (4)    [“Campaign material”] **“EXPENDITURE”** has the meaning stated  
2 in [§ 1–101(k)] § **1–101(Y)** of the Election Law Article.

3           (b)    A ballot issue committee that is formed to promote the success or defeat  
4 of the constitutional amendment proposed by Chapter 5 (S.B. 4/H.B. 4) of the Acts of  
5 the General Assembly of the Special Session of 2007 shall file, in addition to the  
6 campaign finance reports required under § 13–309 of the Election Law Article, a  
7 campaign finance report:

8                   (1)    on or before the fourth Friday immediately preceding the 2008  
9 general election; **AND**

10                   (2)    **ON OR BEFORE THE SECOND FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY**  
11 **PRECEDING THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION.**

12           (c)    [A corporation] **ANY BUSINESS ENTITY, INCLUDING A CORPORATION,**  
13 **GENERAL OR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, REAL**  
14 **ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST,** that [cumulatively spends] **MAKES EXPENDITURES**  
15 **THAT TOTAL** more than \$10,000 [on campaign material] to promote the success or  
16 defeat of the constitutional amendment proposed by Chapter 5 (S.B.4/H.B. 4) of the  
17 Acts of the General Assembly of the Special Session of 2007 shall:

18                   (1)    file a campaign finance report on the same dates as required for a  
19 ballot issue committee under § 13–309 of the Election Law Article and this Act; and

20                   (2)    include the information required under § 13–401 of the Election  
21 Law Article on all [campaign material published or distributed by the corporation]  
22 **EXPENDITURES** to promote the success or defeat of the constitutional amendment  
23 proposed by Chapter 5 (S.B. 4/H.B. 4) of the Acts of the General Assembly of the  
24 Special Session of 2007.

25           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 2008.