

SENATE BILL 755

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By: **Senator Dyson**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2008

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Slot Machine Gaming Referendum – Campaign Finance**
3 **Reports by Corporations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a corporation to file certain information on a certain
5 form about itself and its activities in connection with a certain slot machine
6 gaming referendum; requiring the corporation thereafter to file certain
7 campaign finance reports with regard to its expenditures in connection with a
8 certain slot machine gaming referendum; and generally relating to expenditures
9 and the filing of campaign finance reports by a corporation in connection with a
10 certain slot machine gaming referendum.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) "Campaign material" has the meaning stated in § 1-101(k) of the
2 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 on or before the fourth Friday immediately preceding the
8 2008 general election.

9 (c) A corporation that cumulatively spends more than \$10,000 on campaign
10 material to promote the success or defeat of the constitutional amendment proposed by
11 Chapter 5 (S.B. 4/H.B. 4) of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Special Session of
12 2007 shall:

13 (1) **WITHIN 7 DAYS OF MAKING CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES**
14 **MORE THAN \$10,000, FILE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF**
15 **ELECTIONS:**

16 (I) **THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION;**

17 (II) **THE NAME OF THE OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION WHO**
18 **DIRECTS THE EXPENDITURES AND WHO ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY AND**
19 **LIABILITY FOR FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS AS REQUIRED UNDER**
20 **TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE AND THIS ACT;**

21 (III) **THE BUSINESS ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION; AND**

22 (IV) **WHETHER THE CORPORATION IS EXPENDING FUNDS TO**
23 **SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT;**

24 (2) **AFTER FILING THE FORM REQUIRED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS**
25 **SUBSECTION, file [a] ALL campaign finance [report] REPORTS on the same dates, IN**
26 **THE SAME MANNER, AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME SANCTIONS, as required for a**
27 **ballot issue committee under [§ 13-309] TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 3 of the Election Law**
28 **Article and this Act; and**

29 [(2)] (3) include the information required under § 13-401 of the
30 Election Law Article on all campaign material published or distributed by the
31 corporation to promote the success or defeat of the constitutional amendment proposed
32 by Chapter 5 (S.B. 4/H.B. 4) of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Special Session
33 of 2007.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
35 June 1, 2008.