

HB0056/229739/1

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 56
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “County” insert “and Prince George’s County”; in the same line, strike “Slot Machines for Nonprofit Organizations” and substitute “Gaming”; in line 5, after “circumstances;” insert “authorizing a certain qualified organization to operate a card games facility in Prince George’s County; limiting the number of licenses that the State may issue to operate a card games facility; limiting the number of locations at which card games facilities may be located; requiring a card games facility to comply with applicable planning and zoning laws of the local jurisdiction; requiring certain legislation under certain circumstances; and submitting the Prince George’s provisions of this Act to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Maryland for their adoption or rejection;”; in line 6, strike “slot machines” and substitute “gaming”; and in the same line, after “County” insert “and Prince George’s County”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 11, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The State may issue one license for the commercial operation of card games in the State.

(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the license for the commercial operation of card games shall be awarded on a competitive basis by the Maryland Video Lottery Facility Location Commission as provided under State law.

(Over)

(c) The commercial card games operation license may be awarded only to a card games facility located in Prince George's County, within 1 mile of the intersection of Interstate 95 and MD Route 414.

(d) A card games facility shall comply with all applicable planning and zoning laws of the local jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of Section 2 of this Act authorize a State license for the commercial operation of card games in the State, subject to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Maryland as provided in Section 4 of this Act, and upon voter approval of Section 2 of this Act at the general election to be held in November of 2010, legislation shall be required providing for the operation, licensing, regulation, and disposition of proceeds, of a card games facility in Prince George's County.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act, which authorizes additional forms or expansion of commercial gaming, shall be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Maryland at the general election to be held in November of 2010, in accordance with Article XIX, § 1(e) of the Maryland Constitution. The State Board of Elections shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are "For the referred law" the provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on the 30th day following the official canvass of votes for the referendum, but if a majority of the votes cast on the question are "Against the referred law" the provisions of this Act are of no effect and null and void.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required by Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.";

in line 12, strike “2.” and substitute “6.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “Section 1 of”.