

HOUSE BILL 840

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By: **Delegate Luedtke**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2013

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Joint Committee on Gaming Oversight – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the membership of the Joint Committee on Gaming
4 Oversight; specifying that the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control
5 Agency, the Special Secretary of the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs, and
6 the Governor appoint as members individuals who represent certain entities or
7 who have expertise in certain areas; and generally relating to the Joint
8 Committee on Gaming Oversight.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 9–1A–38
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – State Government**

17 9–1A–38.

18 (a) There is a Joint Committee on Gaming Oversight.

19 (b) (1) The Committee consists of the following [eight] members:

20 (i) four members of the Senate, appointed by the President of
21 the Senate; [and]

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) four members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the
2 Speaker of the House;

3 (iii) **A DESIGNEE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LOTTERY**
4 **AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY;**

5 (iv) **A DESIGNEE OF THE SPECIAL SECRETARY OF THE**
6 **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS; AND**

7 (v) **THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, APPOINTED BY THE**
8 **GOVERNOR:**

9 1. **A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GAMING INDUSTRY;**

10 2. **A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LABOR ORGANIZATION;**

11 3. **AN EXPERT IN GAMBLING ADDICTION; AND**

12 4. **AN ECONOMIST OR ACADEMICIAN WHOSE FIELD**
13 **OF EXPERTISE IS THE GAMING INDUSTRY OR THE TOURISM INDUSTRY.**

14 (2) At least one Senator and one Delegate appointed under this
15 subsection shall be a member of the minority party.

16 (c) The members of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the presiding
17 officer, **THE GOVERNOR, OR THE OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIAL** who appointed them.

18 (d) The President and the Speaker of the House shall appoint a Senator and
19 a Delegate, respectively, to serve as cochairs.

20 (e) (1) The Committee shall examine:

21 (i) the status of the State's gaming program; and

22 (ii) the implementation of new laws relating to gaming.

23 (2) The Committee shall make recommendations for potential
24 improvements to the State's gaming program.

25 (f) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staffing for the
26 Committee.

27 (g) A member of the Committee may not receive compensation for serving on
28 the Committee, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
29 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 (h) On or before December 31 of each year, the Committee shall report its
2 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of
3 this article, the General Assembly.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 June 1, 2013.