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House Bill 1059
Ways and Means

(Delegate Haynes)

Budget and Taxation

Baltimore City - Video Lottery Operation Licensee - Employee Data Collection

This bill requires the video lottery operation licensee in Baltimore City to submit data on the age, sex, race, and county of residence of its State video lottery employees who worked in the State during the previous year within 30 days after the completion of its first year of operations. Within three months of receiving the data, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission (SLGCC) must submit a report containing the data to the Governor, the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates. SLGCC must adopt regulations to implement the bill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's reporting requirements can be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Video lottery operation licensees are not required to submit diversity data on its employees to SLGCC, nor is SLGCC required to submit a diversity report on employees of video operation licensees.

The Governor's Office of Minority Affairs must report to the SLGCC every six months on the compliance of video lottery operation licensees in meeting the goals for minority business participation for construction and procurement related to video lottery terminals (VLTs). This requirement is scheduled to sunset July 1, 2018.

Individuals employed by a licensed facility operator, manufacturer, or contractor as a video lottery employee must hold a license issued by SLGCC. A video lottery employee license applicant must furnish personal and background information to the commission, which includes name, date of birth, physical description, and address of the applicant.

Background: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board requires its licensees to report diversity data. Several gaming vendors have their own diversity programs in place for tracking data on diversity.

The General Assembly has authorized six video lottery operation licenses in Baltimore City and Allegany, Anne Arundel, Cecil, Prince George's, and Worcester counties with a maximum of 16,500 VLTs allotted in the State. Licensees are also authorized to operate table games in the facilities with the approval of the SLGCC. Penn Cecil in Cecil County, Ocean Downs in Worcester County, and Maryland Live in Anne Arundel County are open to the public, while a VLT facility at the Rocky Gap Lodge and Resort in Allegany County is expected to open in May 2013, and a facility in Baltimore City is scheduled to open in mid 2014. The Video Lottery Facility Location Commission may award a license for a Prince George's County facility to begin operations the earlier of July 1, 2016, or 30 months after the video lottery facility in Baltimore City is open to the public.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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