

HOUSE BILL 454

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By: **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Emergency Suspension of License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to
4 suspend a certain gaming license on an emergency basis under certain
5 circumstances; requiring the Commission to schedule promptly a certain
6 hearing and provide certain notice under certain circumstances; authorizing the
7 Commission to delegate certain authority to the Director of the State Lottery
8 and Gaming Control Agency; and generally relating to the State Lottery and
9 Gaming Control Commission and the regulation of gaming in the State.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – State Government
12 Section 9–1A–04(a)(4) and (b)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 9–1A–04.

19 (a) The Commission shall:

20 (4) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1)(V) OF THIS**
21 **SECTION**, after a hearing, suspend or revoke as applicable the license of a licensee
22 who has a license suspended or revoked in another state;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) The Commission may:

2 [(1)] (I) issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses at
3 any place within the State in the course of any investigation or hearing under this
4 subtitle;

5 [(2)] (II) administer oaths and require testimony under oath before
6 the Commission in the course of any investigation or hearing conducted under this
7 subtitle;

8 [(3)] (III) serve or cause to be served its process or notices in a manner
9 provided for service of process in civil actions under the Maryland Rules; [and]

10 [(4)] (IV) propound written interrogatories; AND

11 (V) **SUSPEND A LICENSE ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS IF IT IS**
12 **DETERMINED THAT THE SUSPENSION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE STATE'S**
13 **GAMING PROGRAM AGAINST A SERIOUS AND IMMINENT RISK OF HARM TO ITS**
14 **INTEGRITY, SECURITY, OR PROFITABILITY.**

15 (2) **IF THE COMMISSION SUSPENDS A LICENSE ON AN**
16 **EMERGENCY BASIS, THE COMMISSION SHALL SCHEDULE PROMPTLY A HEARING**
17 **ON THE SUSPENSION AND PROVIDE THE LICENSEE WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF**
18 **THE SUSPENSION.**

19 (3) **THE COMMISSION MAY DELEGATE TO THE DIRECTOR ITS**
20 **AUTHORITY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2014.