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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1111

(Chair, Ways and Means Committee)(By Request -  
Departmental - Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)

Ways and Means

Budget and Taxation

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**Video Lottery Facility - Areas Prohibited to Individuals Under the Age of 21  
Years - Employee Exception**

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This departmental bill alters the prohibition of an individual under the age of 21 years from entering or remaining in an area within a video lottery facility that is designated for table game or video lottery terminal (VLT) activities so that a video lottery employee who is an adult (*i.e.*, at least 18 years old) may be in that area if the employee is working.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The Department of Legislative Services assumes video lottery employees under the age of 21 are currently rarely assessed fines so the bill does not materially affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill does not materially affect local government finances.

**Small Business Effect:** The State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (SLGCA) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** An individual under the age of 21 is prohibited from (1) playing a table game or VLT in a video lottery facility or (2) entering or remaining in an area within a video lottery facility that is designated for table game or VLT activities. An infraction is a code violation and a civil offense, which subjects an adult violator (1) to the issuance of a citation and a maximum fine of \$100 for a first violation; (2) a \$500 maximum fine for a second violation; (3) and a \$1,000 maximum fine and mandatory participation in gambling

addiction treatment for a third or subsequent violation. A minor who violates the prohibition on underage playing of table games or VLTs is subject to juvenile court procedures and dispositions.

A video lottery operation licensee must ensure that individuals under the age of 21 and intoxicated individuals are not allowed to play table games or VLTs and are not allowed in the area of the video lottery facility where table games or VLTs are located. The State may impose financial penalties on VLT operators.

**Background:** SLGCA reports that while no employees under the age of 21 work on the gaming floor, both Maryland Live! and Hollywood Casino Perryville have employees under the age of 21 working in restaurants and in other positions off the gaming floor. In 2014, there were several reported incidents of underage casino employees and contractors entering an area within a video lottery facility that is designated for table game or VLT activities.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Comptroller's Office, Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, Department of Legislative Services

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## ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Gaming – Video Lottery Employee - Exception

BILL NUMBER: HB 1111

PREPARED BY: Maryland Lottery Gaming and Control Agency  
(Dept./Agency)

### PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

  X   WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL  
BUSINESSES

OR

       WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL  
BUSINESSES

### PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The proposed legislation would have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses in Maryland.