

HOUSE BILL 127

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(6lr1327)

ENROLLED BILL

— Ways and Means/Budget and Taxation —

Introduced by **Delegates Reznik, Buckel, Ebersole, Frush, Glass, Glenn, Grammer, Holmes, Hornberger, C. Howard, Kipke, Lam, Luedtke, Pendergrass, Valderrama, West, and K. Young**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Criminal Law~~ **Gaming – Home Games**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing an individual who is at least a certain age to conduct a home
4 game involving wagering if the home game is conducted in a certain manner; and
5 generally relating to gaming.

6 ~~BY adding to~~

7 ~~Article — Criminal Law~~

8 ~~Section 12-115~~

9 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

10 ~~(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)~~

11 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 *Article – State Government*
 2 *Section 9-1B-01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 1B. Gaming Laws”*
 3 *Annotated Code of Maryland*
 4 *(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)*

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

7 ~~Article – Criminal Law~~
 8 *Article – State Government*

9 *SUBTITLE 1B. GAMING LAWS.*

10 ~~12-115. 9-1B-01.~~

11 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF ~~THIS ARTICLE~~ *THE CRIMINAL*
 12 *LAW ARTICLE*, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD MAY CONDUCT A
 13 HOME GAME INVOLVING WAGERING IF THE HOME GAME:

14 (1) IS LIMITED TO MAH JONG OR A CARD GAME;

15 (2) IS CONDUCTED NOT MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK:

16 (I) IN THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY
 17 ALSO PARTICIPATE AS A PLAYER IN THE HOME GAME; OR

18 (II) IN A COMMON AREA OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS
 19 RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE AT LEAST 55 YEARS OLD;

20 (3) ALLOWS A PLAYER TO COMPETE DIRECTLY AGAINST ONE OR MORE
 21 OTHER PLAYERS WHO SHARE A PREEXISTING SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP;

22 (4) DOES NOT ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO BENEFIT FINANCIALLY IN
 23 ANY WAY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OTHER THAN FROM THE WINNINGS ACCRUED
 24 BY PARTICIPATING AS A PLAYER IN THE GAME;

25 (5) DOES NOT INVOLVE:

26 (I) A PLAYER’S USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT
 27 CONNECTS TO THE INTERNET;

28 (II) THE USE OF PAID PUBLIC ADVERTISING OR PROMOTIONS;

29 (III) THE CHARGING OF A FEE FOR ADMISSION, A SEAT,
 30 ENTERTAINMENT, OR FOOD AND DRINK OR ANY OTHER FEE; OR

1 (IV) THE USE OF ANY MONEY EXCEPT MONEY USED FOR
2 WAGERING; AND

3 (6) HAS A LIMIT OF ~~\$2,000~~ ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
4 MONEY ~~OR~~, TOKENS REPRESENTING MONEY, OR ANY OTHER THING OR
5 CONSIDERATION OF VALUE THAT MAY BE WAGERED BY ALL PLAYERS DURING ANY
6 24-HOUR PERIOD.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.