

SENATE BILL 932

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By: **Senator Ramirez**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission – Video Lottery Facilities –**
3 **Regulations Relating to Cheating**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt
5 certain regulations establishing certain procedures to address cheating and the use
6 of certain devices in certain video lottery facilities, parking areas, and adjacent
7 facilities by certain persons or individuals; requiring the Commission to adopt
8 certain regulations ensuring that certain individuals are charged with criminal
9 trespass; and generally relating to cheating in video lottery facilities.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – State Government
12 Section 9–1A–04(d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 9–1A–04.

19 (d) The Commission shall adopt regulations that include the following specific
20 provisions in accordance with this subtitle:

21 (1) establishing the methods and forms of application that an applicant for
22 any license required under this subtitle shall follow and complete before consideration of
23 the application by the Commission;

24 (2) establishing the methods, procedures, and form for delivery of

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 information from an applicant or licensee concerning any person's family, habits, character,
2 associates, criminal record, business activities, and financial affairs;

3 (3) establishing the procedures for the fingerprinting of an applicant for
4 any license required under this subtitle or other methods of identification that may be
5 necessary in the judgment of the Commission to accomplish effective enforcement of the
6 provisions of this subtitle;

7 (4) establishing the manner and procedure of hearings conducted by the
8 Commission;

9 (5) establishing the manner and method of collection of taxes, fees, and
10 civil penalties;

11 (6) defining and limiting the areas of operation for video lottery terminals
12 and table games, rules of video lottery terminals and table games, odds for video lottery
13 terminals and table games, the types and values of promotional items that may be given
14 away to encourage play of video lottery terminals and table games, the method of operation
15 of the video lottery terminals and table games, and the number and types of table games;

16 (7) regulating the practice and procedures for negotiable transactions
17 involving players, including limitations on the circumstances and amounts of negotiable
18 transactions and the establishment of forms and procedures for negotiable instrument
19 transactions, redemptions, and consolidations;

20 (8) prescribing the grounds and procedures for reprimands of licensees or
21 the revocation or suspension of licenses issued under this subtitle;

22 (9) governing the manufacture, distribution, sale, and servicing of video
23 lottery terminals and table games;

24 (10) establishing the procedures, forms, and methods of management
25 controls;

26 (11) providing for minimum uniform standards of accountancy methods,
27 procedures, and forms as are necessary to assure consistency, comparability, and effective
28 disclosure of all financial information, including percentages of profit for video lottery
29 terminals and table games;

30 (12) establishing periodic financial reports and the form of the reports,
31 including an annual audit prepared by a certified public accountant licensed to do business
32 in the State, disclosing whether the accounts, records, and control procedures examined are
33 maintained by the video lottery operation licensee as required by this subtitle and the
34 regulations that shall be issued under this subtitle;

35 (13) requiring licensees under this subtitle to demonstrate and maintain
36 financial viability;

1 (14) ensuring that the operation of video lottery terminals, table games, and
2 video lottery facilities is conducted legally;

3 (15) establishing procedures for the removal of video lottery terminals from
4 a video lottery facility;

5 (16) determining the suitability of:

6 (i) the use of any variations or composites of the table games
7 authorized under this subtitle after an appropriate test or experimental period under terms
8 and conditions that the Commission may deem appropriate; and

9 (ii) any other game that is compatible with the public interest and
10 suitable for casino use after an appropriate test or experimental period deemed appropriate
11 by the Commission;

12 (17) establishing procedures for accounting for all money exchanged at each
13 table game;

14 (18) establishing the number of video lottery terminals that may be removed
15 from a video lottery facility to accommodate table games;

16 **(19) ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CHEATING AND THE**
17 **USE OF CHEATING OR THIEVING DEVICES IN A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY,**
18 **INCLUDING ITS PARKING AREAS AND ADJACENT FACILITIES, BY:**

19 **(I) A CAREER OFFENDER;**

20 **(II) A LICENSEE;**

21 **(III) A VIDEO LOTTERY EMPLOYEE;**

22 **(IV) A MANUFACTURER;**

23 **(V) A PLAYER; OR**

24 **(VI) A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR;**

25 **(20) ENSURING THAT INDIVIDUALS ON THE LIST DEVELOPED BY THE**
26 **COMMISSION UNDER § 9-1A-24(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE WHO KNOWINGLY ENTER A**
27 **VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY ARE CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL TRESPASS;**

28 **[(19)] (21) requiring each video lottery operator under this subtitle to:**

1 (i) establish procedures to offer players the opportunity to donate
2 coins, when receiving cash on payout, to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund established
3 under § 9–913 of this article; and

4 (ii) attach donation boxes near the exits from a video lottery facility,
5 with the proceeds dedicated to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; and

6 **[(20)] (22)** otherwise carrying out the provisions of this subtitle.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2018.