

HOUSE BILL 987

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Video Lottery Operator Compliance – Disclosure of Winning Odds on**
3 **Video Lottery Terminals**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt
5 certain regulations that require a video lottery operation licensee, as a condition of
6 holding the license, to disclose certain winning odds information in a certain manner
7 on each video lottery terminal display; providing for a delayed effective date; and
8 generally relating to video lottery licenses and video lottery terminals.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 9–1A–24(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – State Government
16 Section 9–1A–24(f)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – State Government**

22 9–1A–24.

23 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Commission shall
24 ensure that a video lottery operation licensee complies with the requirements of this section
25 as a condition of holding the video lottery operation license.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) In order to protect the public interest, the regulations shall include provisions
2 that:

3 (1) limit the number and location of and maximum withdrawal amounts
4 from automated teller machines;

5 (2) prohibit authorized automated teller machines from accepting
6 electronic benefit cards, debit cards, or similar negotiable instruments issued by the
7 Department of Human Services for the purpose of accessing temporary cash assistance;

8 (3) require payouts above an amount adopted by the Commission to be
9 made by check;

10 (4) **(I)** require conspicuous disclosures related to the payout of video
11 lottery terminals; **AND**

12 **(II) REQUIRE THE VIDEO DISPLAY OF EACH VIDEO LOTTERY**
13 **TERMINAL THAT A PLAYER MUST SCROLL THROUGH BEFORE BEGINNING PLAY TO**
14 **DISCLOSE IN TERMS THAT ARE GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD BY THE AVERAGE ADULT**
15 **THE ODDS OF WINNING EACH WINNING COMBINATION AND JACKPOT THAT THE**
16 **VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL OFFERS;**

17 (5) limit the dollar amount that video lottery terminals will accept;

18 (6) prohibit the use of specified negotiable instruments at video lottery
19 facilities and the use of credit cards, debit cards, and similar devices in video lottery
20 terminals;

21 (7) provide consumers with a record of video lottery terminal spending
22 levels if marketing measures are utilized that track consumer spending at video lottery
23 facilities;

24 (8) prohibit consumers from cashing paychecks at video lottery facilities;
25 and

26 (9) prohibit video lottery operation licensees from engaging in or
27 contracting with another to engage in predatory marketing practices.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 January 1, 2020.