

# SENATE BILL 988

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By: **Senator King**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Video Lottery Operation License – Renewal**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of years before the end of the term of a video lottery  
4 operation license that a licensee may apply for renewal of the license; providing for  
5 the term of a renewed license; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control  
6 Commission to renew a certain license unless the Commission makes a certain  
7 finding; requiring the Commission, under certain circumstances, to provide a  
8 licensee a certain hearing; providing that certain provisions of law relating to the  
9 renewal of certain licenses do not apply to video lottery operation licenses; and  
10 generally relating to the renewal of video lottery operation licenses.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – State Government  
13 Section 9–1A–13 and 9–1A–17  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

### 18 **Article – State Government**

19 9–1A–13.

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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.



1 (a) The initial term of a video lottery operation license is 15 years from the date  
2 on which the video lottery facility is issued the license by the Commission.

3 (b) During the initial term of a video lottery operation license, the licensee shall  
4 provide the Commission with an annual update of the information required under this  
5 subtitle for the issuance of a license by the date set by the Commission in regulations and  
6 on the form required by the Commission.

7 (c) Two years before the expiration of the **INITIAL 15-YEAR LICENSE** term **OR**  
8 **A RENEWAL TERM** of a video lottery operation license, the licensee shall file with the  
9 Commission a notice of intent to [reapply for] **APPLY FOR RENEWAL OF** the license under  
10 this subtitle.

11 (d) **(1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO THE FIRST RENEWAL OF A VIDEO**  
12 **LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE FOLLOWING THE INITIAL 15-YEAR TERM AND EACH**  
13 **SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE.**

14 **(2) A RENEWAL OF A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE IS FOR A**  
15 **TERM OF 10 YEARS.**

16 **(3) [Within 1 year of] AT LEAST 2 YEARS BEFORE** the end of the initial  
17 15-year license term **OR A RENEWAL TERM**, a video lottery operation licensee may  
18 [reapply for a] **FILE AN APPLICATION TO RENEW A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION** license  
19 that has a license term of 10 years and a license fee to be established by statute.

20 **(4) ON PROPER APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A VIDEO LOTTERY**  
21 **OPERATION LICENSE, THE COMMISSION SHALL RENEW THE LICENSE UNLESS THE**  
22 **COMMISSION FINDS THAT THE LICENSEE IS NO LONGER QUALIFIED UNDER THIS**  
23 **SUBTITLE TO HOLD A LICENSE.**

24 **(5) BEFORE DENYING AN APPLICATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION,**  
25 **THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSEE AN**  
26 **OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING.**

27 (e) If a licensee has its license revoked or otherwise surrenders the license, the  
28 video lottery operation license reverts to the State.

29 9-1A-17.

30 **(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION**  
31 **LICENSE.**

32 **(B)** Subject to the power of the Commission to deny, revoke, or suspend a license,  
33 a license in force may be renewed by the Commission for the next succeeding license period  
34 on:

1 (1) proper application for renewal; and

2 (2) payment of all required application, license, and other fees and taxes.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2019.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.