

SENATE BILL 988

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By: **Senator King**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

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.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

10 **(3) [Within 1 year of] AT LEAST 2 YEARS BEFORE** the end of the initial
11 15-year license term **OR A RENEWAL TERM**, a video lottery operation licensee may
12 [reapply for a] **FILE AN APPLICATION TO RENEW A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION** license
13 that has a license term of 10 years and a license fee to be established by statute.

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

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

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

23 9-1A-17.

24 **(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION**
25 **LICENSE.**

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

29 (1) proper application for renewal; and

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

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