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By: **The Speaker**

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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Regulation of Fantasy Gaming Competitions and Implementation of Sports Wagering

FOR the purpose of requiring certain fantasy competition operators to register with the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission under certain circumstances; requiring a fantasy competition operator to pay certain fees and a certain percentage of the proceeds from fantasy competitions to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to distribute the proceeds from fantasy competitions in a certain manner; altering the authorized uses of the Problem Gambling Fund; authorizing certain license holders to accept wagers on certain sporting events from certain individuals and by certain methods at certain locations; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to regulate sports wagering in the State; requiring certain persons to apply to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission for certain licenses; requiring certain fees for the issuance and renewal of certain licenses; providing for the terms of certain licenses; providing that certain applicants and licensees are subject to certain minority business participation goals; authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to provide waivers or exemptions from certain licensing requirements under certain circumstances; requiring applicants for certain licenses to pay certain fees set by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; providing for the distribution of certain licensing fees collected by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; providing that certain applicants and licensees have a certain responsibility; requiring certain applicants and licensees to provide certain information, assistance, and cooperation; requiring applicants and licensees to establish certain qualification criteria, including the existence of a certain labor peace agreement; establishing certain procedures and requirements for the issuance of certain licenses; authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to grant or deny certain licenses; authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to deny, suspend, or revoke a license and reprimand or fine a licensee under certain circumstances; authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to impose a certain penalty under certain

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



circumstances; authorizing certain sports wagering licensees to enter into certain agreements for the operation of online sports wagering; providing that an individual may register for online sports wagering either in person or online; prohibiting certain individuals from making a wager and certain sports wagering licensees from accepting a wager from certain individuals; requiring certain sports wagering licensees to establish certain procedures, provide certain safeguards, and report certain information to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to prohibit certain types or forms of wagering or certain individuals from wagering at the request of certain interested parties under certain circumstances; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to respond to certain requests from certain interested parties by a certain time; providing for the accounting and distribution of certain sports wagering proceeds and certain unclaimed winning wagers; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain matters on or before a certain date; establishing a Sports Wagering Application Review Commission, its membership, and certain eligibility requirements for membership; providing for certain reimbursements and staffing; authorizing the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission to award not more than a certain number of certain sports wagering licenses; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission and the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission, in consultation with certain entities, to evaluate a certain study of the sports wagering industry, make a certain determination relating to certain business participation in the sports wagering industry, evaluate certain race-neutral programs and other methods, and adopt certain regulations; providing for the termination of the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission; authorizing the Governor to reconstitute the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission under certain circumstances; requiring a certain certification agency, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General and the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, to initiate a certain analysis; requiring a certain certification agency to submit a certain report to the Legislative Policy Committee on or before a certain date; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; making conforming changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to wagering on fantasy competitions and sporting events.

BY renumbering

Article – State Government

Section 9–1D–01(b) and 9–1D–01(c), respectively
to be Section 9–1D–02 and 9–1D–05, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 5–219(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Education
 Section 5–219(f)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – State Government
 Section 9–1A–01(a) and (k)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – State Government
 Section 9–1A–03, 9–1A–33(b), and 9–1D–01(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – State Government
 Section 9–1D–02 and 9–1D–05
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY adding to
 Article – State Government
 Section 9–1D–03 and 9–1D–04; and 9–1E–01 through 9–1E–15 to be under the new
 subtitle “Subtitle 1E. Sports Wagering”
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That Section(s) 9–1D–01(b) and 9–1D–01(c), respectively, of Article – State Government of
 the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 9–1D–02 and 9–1D–05,
 respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
 as follows:

Article – Education

5–219.

(b) There is The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund.

(f) The Fund consists of:

(1) Revenue distributed to the Fund under **TITLE 9, SUBTITLES 1D AND 1E OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE AND §§ 2–605.1 and 2–1303** of the Tax – General Article;

(2) Money appropriated in the State budget for the Fund; and

(3) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund.

Article – State Government

9–1A–01.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(k) “Commission” means the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission.

9–1A–03.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any additional forms or expansion of commercial gaming other than as expressly provided in this subtitle **AND SUBTITLE 1E OF THIS TITLE** are prohibited.

(b) This subtitle, including the authority provided to the Commission under this subtitle, does not apply to:

(1) lotteries conducted under Subtitle 1 of this title;

(2) wagering on horse racing conducted under Title 11 of the Business Regulation Article;

(3) the operation of slot machines as provided under Titles 12 and 13 of the Criminal Law Article; or

(4) other gaming conducted under Titles 12 and 13 of the Criminal Law Article.

9–1A–33.

(b) (1) (i) There is a Problem Gambling Fund in the Maryland Department of Health.

(ii) The purpose of the Fund is primarily to provide funding for problem gambling treatment and prevention programs, including:

1. inpatient and residential services;
2. outpatient services;
3. intensive outpatient services;
4. continuing care services;
5. educational services;
6. services for victims of domestic violence; and
7. other preventive or rehabilitative services or treatment.

(2) The Problem Gambling Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(3) Money in the Problem Gambling Fund shall be invested and reinvested by the Treasurer, and interest and earnings shall accrue to the Fund.

(4) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, expenditures from the Problem Gambling Fund shall be made only by the Maryland Department of Health to:

(i) establish a 24–hour hotline for compulsive and problem gamblers and to provide counseling and other support services for compulsive and problem gamblers;

(ii) establish an outreach program for compulsive and problem gamblers, including individuals who requested placement on the voluntary exclusion list established by the Commission under § 9–1A–24 of this subtitle, for the purpose of participating in problem gambling treatment and prevention programs; [and]

(iii) develop and implement free or reduced cost problem gambling treatment and prevention programs, including the programs established under Title 19, Subtitle 8 of the Health – General Article; **AND**

(IV) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT FREE OR REDUCED COST PROBLEM GAMBLING TREATMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS TARGETED AT INDIVIDUALS WITH PROBLEM GAMBLING ISSUES RELATED TO SPORTS WAGERING.

(5) After satisfying the requirements of paragraph (4) of this subsection, any unspent funds in the Problem Gambling Fund may be expended by the Maryland Department of Health on drug and other addiction treatment services.

(6) Expenditures from the Problem Gambling Fund shall be made in accordance with an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual State

budget or by the budget amendment procedure provided for in § 7–209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

9–1D–01.

(a) In this [section, “fantasy] **SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

(B) “COMMISSION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–1A–01 OF THIS TITLE.

(C) “ENTRY FEE” MEANS CASH OR CASH EQUIVALENTS THAT A FANTASY COMPETITION PLAYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY TO A FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A FANTASY COMPETITION.

(D) “FANTASY competition” includes any online fantasy or simulated game or contest such as fantasy sports, in which:

(1) participants own, manage, or coach imaginary teams;

(2) all prizes and awards offered to winning participants are established and made known to participants in advance of the game or contest;

(3) the winning outcome of the game or contest reflects the relative skill of the participants and is determined by statistics generated by actual individuals (players or teams in the case of a professional sport); and

(4) no winning outcome is based:

(i) solely on the performance of an individual athlete; or

(ii) on the score, point spread, or any performances of any single real–world team or any combination of real–world teams.

(E) (1) “FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR” MEANS ANY PERSON THAT OFFERS SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH FANTASY COMPETITIONS TO INDIVIDUALS BY MEANS OF:

(I) THE INTERNET;

(II) A SMART PHONE APPLICATION; OR

(III) ANY OTHER ELECTRONICS, DIGITAL MEDIA, COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY, OR DEVICE.

(2) “FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR” DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) ORGANIZES A FANTASY COMPETITION IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL ALSO PARTICIPATES;

(II) RECEIVES NO COMPENSATION FOR ORGANIZING THE FANTASY COMPETITION; AND

(III) IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH A FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR.

(F) “FANTASY COMPETITION PLAYER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PARTICIPATES IN A FANTASY COMPETITION OFFERED BY A FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR.

(G) “PROCEEDS” MEANS, FOR A FANTASY COMPETITION, THE AMOUNT OF ENTRY FEES COLLECTED BY A FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR FROM ALL FANTASY COMPETITION PLAYERS ENTERING THE FANTASY COMPETITION, LESS WINNINGS PAID TO FANTASY COMPETITION PLAYERS, MULTIPLIED BY THE RESIDENT PERCENTAGE.

(H) “RESIDENT PERCENTAGE” MEANS, FOR A FANTASY COMPETITION, THE PERCENTAGE, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST ONE–HUNDREDTH OF A PERCENT, OF THE TOTAL ENTRY FEES COLLECTED BY A FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR FROM STATE RESIDENTS DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL ENTRY FEES COLLECTED FROM ALL PLAYERS, REGARDLESS OF THE PLAYERS’ LOCATIONS, OF THE FANTASY CONTESTS.

9–1D–02.

[(1)] (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 12 of the Criminal Law Article or any other title, and except as provided under **[paragraph (2)] SUBSECTION (B)** of this **[subsection] SECTION**, the prohibitions against betting, wagering, and gambling do not apply to participation in a fantasy competition.

[(2)] (B) A person may not operate a kiosk or machine that offers fantasy competition to the public in a place of business physically located in the State.

9–1D–03.

(A) A FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR SHALL REGISTER WITH THE COMMISSION AND PAY AN INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE OF \$50,000 BEFORE THE FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR MAY OFFER A FANTASY COMPETITION OR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH A FANTASY COMPETITION IN THE STATE.

(B) (1) UNLESS A REGISTRATION IS RENEWED FOR A 1-YEAR TERM, THE REGISTRATION EXPIRES 1 YEAR FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE OR A REGISTRATION RENEWAL FEE.

(2) BEFORE A REGISTRATION EXPIRES, THE REGISTRATION MAY BE RENEWED FOR 1 YEAR, IF THE FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR PAYS A REGISTRATION RENEWAL FEE OF \$50,000.

9-1D-04.

(A) A FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR SHALL RETAIN 85% OF THE PROCEEDS AND PAY THE REMAINDER TO THE COMMISSION.

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS PAID UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-219 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

9-1D-05.

The [State Lottery and Gaming Control] Commission [may] **SHALL** adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this [section] **SUBTITLE**.

SUBTITLE 1E. SPORTS WAGERING.

9-1E-01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COMMISSION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1A-01 OF THIS TITLE.

(C) (1) "HORSE RACING LICENSEE" MEANS THE HOLDER OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE RACING COMMISSION UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.

(2) "HORSE RACING LICENSEE" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE HOLDER OF A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 11-526 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.

(D) "MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE" MEANS A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT AND OPERATE ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING.

(E) “ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING” MEANS SPORTS WAGERING THROUGH AN ONLINE GAMING SYSTEM:

(1) ON A COMPUTER, A MOBILE DEVICE, OR ANY OTHER INTERACTIVE DEVICE; AND

(2) THAT IS ACCEPTED BY A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE OR AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR.

(F) “ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR” MEANS AN ENTITY THAT HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO OPERATE ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING ON BEHALF OF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE.

(G) “PROCEEDS” MEANS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WAGERED ON A SPORTING EVENT THAT IS NOT RETURNED TO SUCCESSFUL BETTORS BUT IS OTHERWISE ALLOCATED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(H) (1) “SPORTING EVENT” MEANS:

(I) A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS OR ATHLETIC EVENT;

(II) A COLLEGIATE SPORTS OR ATHLETIC EVENT;

(III) AN OLYMPIC OR INTERNATIONAL SPORTS OR ATHLETIC EVENT;

(IV) AN ELECTRONIC SPORTS OR VIDEO GAME COMPETITION IN WHICH EACH PARTICIPANT IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;

(V) A MOTOR RACE EVENT SANCTIONED BY A MOTOR RACING GOVERNING ENTITY;

(VI) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED UNDER TITLE 11 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE OR THE FEDERAL INTERSTATE HORSE RACING ACT, A HORSE RACE, HELD IN OR OUT OF THE STATE, IF CONSENTED TO AND APPROVED BY:

1. THE HORSE RACING LICENSEE OF THE APPLICABLE BREED;

2. THE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING THE MAJORITY OF THE OWNERS AND TRAINERS OF THE APPLICABLE BREED IN THE STATE;

3. THE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING THE MAJORITY OF THE APPLICABLE BREEDERS IN THE STATE; AND

4. THE STATE RACING COMMISSION; OR

(VII) ANY PORTION OF A SPORTING EVENT, INCLUDING THE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE STATISTICS OF ATHLETES OR COMPETITORS IN A SPORTING EVENT.

(2) "SPORTING EVENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(I) A HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS OR ATHLETIC EVENT; OR

(II) A FANTASY COMPETITION REGULATED UNDER SUBTITLE 1D OF THIS TITLE.

(I) "SPORTS WAGERING" MEANS THE BUSINESS OF ACCEPTING WAGERS ON ANY SPORTING EVENT BY ANY SYSTEM OR METHOD OF WAGERING, INCLUDING SINGLE-GAME BETS, TEASER BETS, PARLAYS, OVER-UNDER, MONEYLINE, POOLS, EXCHANGE WAGERING, IN-GAME WAGERING, IN-PLAY BETS, PROPOSITION BETS, AND STRAIGHT BETS.

(J) "SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE" MEANS A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT AND OPERATE SPORTS WAGERING AT THE SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY OWNED BY THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE.

(K) "SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THAT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO ACCEPT WAGERS ON SPORTING EVENTS.

(L) "SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE" MEANS THE HOLDER OF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE.

(M) "VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1A-01 OF THIS TITLE.

(N) "VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1A-01 OF THIS TITLE.

(O) "VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1A-01 OF THIS TITLE.

9-1E-02.

IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THIS SUBTITLE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN A MANNER THAT, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, MAXIMIZES THE ABILITY OF MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPORTS WAGERING INDUSTRY.

9-1E-03.

(A) UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER §§ 9-1A-04, 9-1A-06, 9-1A-07, 9-1A-08, 9-1A-12, 9-1A-14, 9-1A-18, 9-1A-19, 9-1A-20, AND 9-1A-25 OF THIS TITLE APPLY TO THE AUTHORITY, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION, A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE, AND AN EMPLOYEE OR A CONTRACTOR OF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THIS SUBTITLE AUTHORIZES A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE TO CONDUCT AND OPERATE SPORTS WAGERING IN THE STATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

9-1E-04.

(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL REGULATE SPORTS WAGERING AND THE CONDUCT OF SPORTS WAGERING TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT THE COMMISSION REGULATES THE OPERATION OF VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS AND TABLE GAMES UNDER SUBTITLE 1A OF THIS TITLE.

(B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH:

(1) SUBJECT TO § 9-1E-15(H) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE FORM AND CONTENT OF AN APPLICATION FOR ANY LICENSE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) THE METHODS, PROCEDURES, AND FORM FOR DELIVERY OF INFORMATION FROM AN APPLICANT OR A LICENSEE CONCERNING ANY PERSON'S FAMILY, HABITS, CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, CRIMINAL RECORD, BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS;

(3) THE PROCEDURES FOR THE FINGERPRINTING OF AN APPLICANT FOR ANY LICENSE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR OTHER METHODS OF IDENTIFICATION THAT MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE COMMISSION TO ACCOMPLISH EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(4) THE GROUNDS AND PROCEDURES FOR REPRIMANDS OF LICENSEES OR THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(5) THE MANNER AND METHOD OF COLLECTION OF TAXES, FEES, AND CIVIL PENALTIES;

(6) STANDARDS, PROCEDURES, AND RULES THAT GOVERN THE CONDUCT OF SPORTS WAGERING, INCLUDING:

(I) THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR SELF-SERVICE KIOSKS OR MACHINES, SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE KIOSKS OR MACHINES, THE AMOUNT OF WAGERS AUTHORIZED ON THE KIOSKS OR MACHINES, AND ANY OTHER MATTER RELATING TO A SELF-SERVICE KIOSK OR MACHINE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) THE TYPES OF WAGERS ON SPORTING EVENTS THAT MAY BE ACCEPTED BY A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE;

(III) THE TYPES AND VALUES OF PROMOTIONAL ITEMS THAT MAY BE GIVEN AWAY TO ENCOURAGE SPORTS WAGERING;

(IV) THE MANNER IN WHICH WAGERS ARE RECEIVED, PAYOUTS ARE REMITTED, AND POINT SPREADS, LINES, AND ODDS ARE DETERMINED;

(V) THE MAXIMUM WAGERS THAT MAY BE ACCEPTED BY A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE OR ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR FROM A SINGLE BETTOR ON A SINGLE SPORTING EVENT;

(VI) THE AMOUNT OF CASH RESERVES TO BE MAINTAINED BY SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEES TO COVER WINNING WAGERS;

(VII) ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PAYMENT AND ADVANCE DEPOSIT METHODS BY BETTORS;

(VIII) MINIMUM UNIFORM STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTANCY METHODS, PROCEDURES, AND FORMS AS ARE NECESSARY TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY, COMPARABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DISCLOSURE OF ALL FINANCIAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING PERCENTAGES OF PROFIT;

(IX) PERIODIC FINANCIAL REPORTS AND THE FORM OF THE REPORTS, INCLUDING AN ANNUAL AUDIT PREPARED BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT ON STANDARDS FOR ATTESTATION ENGAGEMENTS AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES;

(X) REQUIRING LICENSEES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO DEMONSTRATE AND MAINTAIN FINANCIAL VIABILITY; AND

(XI) ENSURING THAT SPORTS WAGERING IS CONDUCTED LEGALLY; AND

(7) ANY OTHER REGULATION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) (1) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CERTIFICATION AGENCY AS DEFINED IN § 14-301 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS, AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHALL:

(I) EVALUATE A STUDY OF THE SPORTS WAGERING INDUSTRY AND MARKET TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A COMPELLING INTEREST TO IMPLEMENT REMEDIAL MEASURES, IN ADDITION TO THE APPLICATION OF THE STATE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE OR A SIMILAR PROGRAM, TO ASSIST MINORITIES AND WOMEN IN THE SPORTS WAGERING INDUSTRY;

(II) EVALUATE RACE-NEUTRAL PROGRAMS OR OTHER METHODS THAT MAY BE USED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF MINORITY AND WOMEN APPLICANTS AND MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPORTS WAGERING INDUSTRY; AND

(III) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT REMEDIAL MEASURES, IF NECESSARY AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY EVALUATED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(2) THE COMMISSION MAY REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ANY INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES IS NECESSARY TO CONSIDER, DEVELOP, OR IMPLEMENT ANY REMEDIAL MEASURES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

9-1E-05.

(A) THE FOLLOWING PERSONS SHALL BE LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) A PERSON THAT OPERATES SPORTS WAGERING;

(2) A PERSON THAT OPERATES SPORTS WAGERING ON BEHALF OF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE, INCLUDING AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR;

(3) A PERSON NOT LICENSED UNDER ITEM (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT MANAGES, OPERATES, SUPPLIES, PROVIDES SECURITY FOR, OR PROVIDES SERVICE, MAINTENANCE, OR REPAIRS FOR SPORTS WAGERING EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES; AND

(4) AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED IN THE OPERATION OF SPORTS WAGERING BY A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT OTHERWISE HOLD A VALID LICENSE UNDER SUBTITLE 1A OF THIS TITLE.

(B) THE COMMISSION MAY BY REGULATION REQUIRE A PERSON THAT CONTRACTS WITH A LICENSEE AND THE PERSON'S EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND ACCOMPLISH THE POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) FOR ALL LICENSES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, IF AN APPLICANT HOLDS A VALID LICENSE IN ANOTHER STATE AND THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE LICENSING STANDARDS OF THE OTHER STATE ARE COMPREHENSIVE AND THOROUGH AND PROVIDE SIMILAR AND ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS TO THOSE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY:

(1) WAIVE SOME OR ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE;
AND

(2) ISSUE A LICENSE TO THAT APPLICANT.

(D) (1) ON THE REQUEST OF AN APPLICANT, THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT AN EXEMPTION OR A WAIVER OF A LICENSING REQUIREMENT OR GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF A LICENSE IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE REQUIREMENT OR GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF A LICENSE AS APPLIED TO THE APPLICANT ARE NOT NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST OR ACCOMPLISH THE POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) ON GRANTING TO AN APPLICANT AN EXEMPTION OR A WAIVER UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, OR AT ANY TIME AFTER AN EXEMPTION OR A WAIVER HAS BEEN GRANTED, THE COMMISSION MAY:

(I) LIMIT OR PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON THE EXEMPTION OR WAIVER AS THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS NECESSARY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST;
AND

(II) REQUIRE THE PERSON THAT IS GRANTED THE EXEMPTION OR WAIVER TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION AS A CONDITION OF THE WAIVER OR EXEMPTION.

9-1E-06.

(A) (1) THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1E-15 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY:

(I) ISSUE A CLASS A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO IS A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR OR A HORSE RACING LICENSEE;

(II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ISSUE NOT MORE THAN FIVE CLASS B SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSES TO ANY APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(III) ISSUE NOT MORE THAN 10 MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSES TO ANY APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1E-15 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT ISSUE A CLASS B SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT:

(I) WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A CLASS A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

(II) WHO HOLDS A CLASS A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE; OR

(III) WHOSE SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY WILL BE LOCATED WITHIN A 10-MILE RADIUS OF ANY CLASS A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY OR ANY OTHER CLASS B SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY.

(3) AN APPLICANT FOR A CLASS A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE OR A CLASS B SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE MAY APPLY FOR A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) AN APPLICANT FOR A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE SHALL PAY TO THE COMMISSION AN APPLICATION FEE OF:

- (1) **\$250,000 FOR A CLASS A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE;**
- (2) **\$50,000 FOR A CLASS B SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE;**

AND

- (3) **\$500,000 FOR A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE.**

(C) **THE HOLDER OF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE SHALL PAY TO THE COMMISSION AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE OF:**

- (1) **\$50,000 FOR A CLASS A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE;**
- (2) **\$10,000 FOR A CLASS B SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE;**

AND

- (3) **\$100,000 FOR A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE.**

(D) (1) **THE TERM OF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IS 5 YEARS.**

(2) **ON APPLICATION BY THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE AND PAYMENT OF THE LICENSE RENEWAL FEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY RENEW FOR 5 YEARS A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE IF THE LICENSEE COMPLIES WITH ALL STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.**

(3) **THE LICENSE RENEWAL FEE IS EQUAL TO 1% OF THE LICENSEE'S AVERAGE ANNUAL GROSS SPORTS WAGERING REVENUES FOR THE PRECEDING 5-YEAR PERIOD LESS ANY PROCEEDS REMITTED BY THE LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1E-12 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

(E) **A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE MAY NOT BEGIN ACCEPTING WAGERS ON SPORTING EVENTS UNTIL THE APPLICATION FEE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS PAID IN FULL.**

9-1E-07.

(A) **AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSION AN APPLICATION:**

- (1) **IN THE FORM THAT THE COMMISSION REQUIRES; AND**
- (2) **ON OR BEFORE THE DATE SET BY THE COMMISSION.**

(B) (1) A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE IS SUBJECT TO:

(I) THE MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION GOAL ESTABLISHED FOR A UNIT BY THE SPECIAL SECRETARY FOR THE OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS UNDER § 14-302(A)(1)(II) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND

(II) ANY OTHER CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF LAW UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION GOAL APPLIES TO:

(I) CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO SPORTS WAGERING; AND

(II) PROCUREMENT RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF SPORTS WAGERING, INCLUDING PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND ONGOING SERVICES.

(3) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION AND ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT AND MAY NOT BE ENFORCED.

(C) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE APPLICATION OR LICENSE RENEWAL FEES FOR A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE REQUIRED UNDER § 9-1E-06 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION FEE AND LICENSE RENEWAL FEE FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(II) THE APPLICATION FEE FOR AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR LICENSE MAY NOT BE LESS THAN \$5,000.

(3) AN APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FEE WITH THE APPLICATION.

(4) THE TERM OF THE LICENSE IS 5 YEARS.

(D) ON A PROPERLY APPROVED TRANSMITTAL PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FROM THE INITIAL LICENSE FEES, ANNUAL LICENSE FEES, AND LICENSE RENEWAL FEES COLLECTED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SECTION AND § 9-1E-06 OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) AN AMOUNT TO THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY NECESSARY TO REIMBURSE THE AGENCY FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO PERFORMING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF SPORTS WAGERING LICENSES; AND

(2) THE REMAINDER TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-219 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(E) (1) APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES SHALL HAVE THE AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO ESTABLISH BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THE APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S QUALIFICATIONS.

(2) APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE AND SATISFY REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS IN THE FORM SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION, IF APPLICABLE.

(3) (I) APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES SHALL:

1. PROVIDE ASSISTANCE OR INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION; AND

2. COOPERATE IN AN INQUIRY, AN INVESTIGATION, OR A HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMISSION.

(II) ON ISSUANCE OF A FORMAL REQUEST TO ANSWER OR PRODUCE INFORMATION, EVIDENCE, OR TESTIMONY, IF AN APPLICANT OR A LICENSEE REFUSES TO COMPLY, THE APPLICATION OR LICENSE MAY BE DENIED, SUSPENDED, OR REVOKED BY THE COMMISSION.

(4) (I) IF THE APPLICANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, THE APPLICANT SHALL BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND FINGERPRINTED FOR IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION PURPOSES.

(II) IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL, THE COMMISSION BY REGULATION MAY ESTABLISH THE CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO SHALL BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND FINGERPRINTED FOR IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION PURPOSES.

(5) (I) APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES SHALL INFORM THE COMMISSION OF AN ACT OR OMISSION THAT THE PERSON KNOWS OR SHOULD KNOW CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(II) APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A PERSON WHO IN GOOD FAITH INFORMS THE COMMISSION OF AN ACT OR OMISSION THAT THE PERSON BELIEVES CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(6) APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES SHALL PRODUCE INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION, AND ASSURANCES TO ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATION CRITERIA BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE:

(I) THE FINANCIAL STABILITY, INTEGRITY, AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE;

(II) THE INTEGRITY OF ANY FINANCIAL BACKERS, INVESTORS, MORTGAGEES, BONDHOLDERS, AND HOLDERS OF OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THAT BEAR A RELATION TO THE APPLICATION;

(III) THE APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S GOOD CHARACTER, HONESTY, AND INTEGRITY;

(IV) SUFFICIENT BUSINESS ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE; AND

(V) THAT:

1. THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE HAS ENTERED INTO A LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT WITH EACH LABOR ORGANIZATION THAT IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN REPRESENTING OR ATTEMPTING TO REPRESENT SPORTS WAGERING INDUSTRY WORKERS IN THE STATE;

2. THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT IS VALID AND ENFORCEABLE UNDER 29 U.S.C. § 158;

3. THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT PROTECTS THE STATE'S REVENUES BY PROHIBITING THE LABOR ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS FROM ENGAGING IN PICKETING, WORK STOPPAGES, BOYCOTTS, AND ANY OTHER ECONOMIC INTERFERENCE WITH THE OPERATION OF SPORTS WAGERING WITHIN THE FIRST 5 YEARS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE; AND

4. THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT APPLIES TO ALL OPERATIONS AT A FACILITY OR LOCATION WHERE SPORTS WAGERING IS CONDUCTED.

(F) (1) ON THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR ANY LICENSE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE

COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPLICANT AND ANY PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO BE QUALIFIED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AS A CONDITION OF A LICENSE.

(2) THE COMMISSION MAY REFER AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO AN APPROVED VENDOR UNDER § 9-1A-20 OF THIS TITLE TO CONDUCT THE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION FOR THE COMMISSION.

(G) (1) AFTER RECEIVING THE RESULTS OF THE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION, THE COMMISSION MAY EITHER GRANT A LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHOM THE COMMISSION DETERMINES TO BE QUALIFIED OR DENY THE LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHOM THE COMMISSION DETERMINES TO BE NOT QUALIFIED OR DISQUALIFIED.

(2) IF AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE IS DENIED, THE COMMISSION SHALL PREPARE AND FILE AN ORDER DENYING THE LICENSE WITH A STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DENIAL, INCLUDING THE SPECIFIC FINDINGS OF FACT.

(H) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT KNOWINGLY GIVE FALSE INFORMATION OR MAKE A MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION REQUIRED FOR ANY LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR IN ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION.

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.

9-1E-08.

(A) THE COMMISSION MAY DENY A LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE UNDER § 9-1E-05 OF THIS SUBTITLE, REPRIMAND OR FINE A LICENSEE, OR SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE FOR A VIOLATION OF:

- (1) THIS SUBTITLE;
- (2) A REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; OR
- (3) A CONDITION THAT THE COMMISSION SETS.

(B) FOR EACH VIOLATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000.

(C) EACH DAY THAT A PERSON IS IN VIOLATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED A SEPARATE VIOLATION.

(D) TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF THE PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER:

- (1) THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION;**
- (2) THE HARM CAUSED BY THE VIOLATION; AND**
- (3) THE GOOD FAITH OR LACK OF GOOD FAITH OF THE PERSON WHO COMMITTED THE VIOLATION.**

(E) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SUBTITLE ABROGATES OR LIMITS THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE STATE OR LIMITS THE AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT STATUTES ESTABLISHING CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND PENALTIES RELATING TO SPORTS WAGERING OPERATIONS.

9-1E-09.

(A) A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE MAY ACCEPT WAGERS ON SPORTING EVENTS THAT ARE MADE:

- (1) BY AN INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY PRESENT:**
 - (I) IN A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY, IF THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE IS A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR;**
 - (II) AT PIMLICO RACE COURSE, ON LIVE RACING DAYS, OR A RACE TRACK LOCATED AT LAUREL PARK OR IN TIMONIUM, IF THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE IS A HORSE RACING LICENSEE;**
 - (III) AT THE FACILITY IDENTIFIED IN THE APPLICATION APPROVED BY THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION, IF THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE IS A HOLDER OF A CLASS B SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE; OR**
 - (IV) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AT A STADIUM PRIMARILY USED FOR PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL OR PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL IF THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE IS THE OPERATOR OF A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY LOCATED IN THE SAME COUNTY AS THE STADIUM; OR**

(2) ON A SELF-SERVICE KIOSK OR MACHINE, APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, LOCATED IN A FACILITY OR AT A LOCATION IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE MAY ACCEPT WAGERS ON SPORTING EVENTS THAT ARE MADE THROUGH ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING BY AN INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN THE STATE.

(C) TO PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING UNDER THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL REGISTER:

(1) IF THE MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE IS ALSO A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE, IN PERSON AT A FACILITY OR LOCATION IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(2) ONLINE USING A WEBSITE OR MOBILE APPLICATION APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

(D) A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT WAGERS AT A STADIUM UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1)(IV) OF THIS SECTION:

**(1) MAY ACCEPT WAGERS AT THE STADIUM ONLY ON LIVE GAME DAYS;
AND**

(2) SHALL OWN OR LEASE THE SPORTS WAGERING EQUIPMENT AT THE STADIUM AND SHALL, WITH ITS EMPLOYEES, OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT.

9-1E-10.

(A) (1) A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE:

**(I) MAY CONDUCT AND OPERATE ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING;
OR**

(II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, MAY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR TO CONDUCT ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING ON ITS BEHALF.

(2) A PERSON OTHER THAN THE MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE MAY NOT CONDUCT ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING, EXCEPT FOR TESTING PURPOSES, UNTIL THE PERSON RECEIVES FROM THE COMMISSION AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE.

(3) (I) A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH MORE THAN ONE ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR TO CONDUCT ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING ON THE LICENSEE'S BEHALF.

(II) ALL SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEES THAT ARE RELATED ENTITIES ARE TREATED AS A SINGLE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE FOR PURPOSES OF THE LIMITATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(B) (1) THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR MAY NOT BE ASSIGNED, DELEGATED, SUBCONTRACTED, OR TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD PARTY WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION.

(2) A THIRD PARTY MUST BE LICENSED AS AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR BEFORE OFFERING ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING.

(C) AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR MAY CONDUCT ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING ON BEHALF OF MORE THAN ONE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE.

9-1E-11.

(A) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT WAGER ON A SPORTING EVENT AND A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE MAY NOT ACCEPT A WAGER FROM AN INDIVIDUAL ON A SPORTING EVENT IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

(1) IS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS;

(2) IS NOT PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE STATE;

(3) IS AN ATHLETE, A COACH, A REFEREE, OR A DIRECTOR OR AN EMPLOYEE OF A SPORTS GOVERNING ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS MEMBER TEAMS;

(4) IS THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT LEGAL OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OF 10% OR MORE OF A SPORTS GOVERNING ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS MEMBER TEAMS IF ANY MEMBER TEAM OF THAT SPORTS GOVERNING ENTITY PARTICIPATES IN THE SPORTING EVENT;

(5) HAS ACCESS TO CERTAIN TYPES OF EXCLUSIVE INFORMATION ON ANY SPORTING EVENT OVERSEEN BY THAT INDIVIDUAL'S SPORTS GOVERNING ENTITY;

(6) HOLDS A POSITION OF AUTHORITY OR INFLUENCE SUFFICIENT TO EXERT INFLUENCE OVER THE PARTICIPANTS IN A SPORTING EVENT, INCLUDING COACHES, MANAGERS, HANDLERS, OR ATHLETIC TRAINERS;

(7) IS IDENTIFIED ON A MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY SPORTS WAGERING EXCLUSION LIST MAINTAINED BY THE COMMISSION;

(8) IS THE OPERATOR, DIRECTOR, OFFICER, OWNER, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE OR ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR OR ANY RELATIVE OF THE LICENSEE OR OPERATOR LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE LICENSEE OR OPERATOR;

(9) HAS ACCESS TO NONPUBLIC CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION HELD BY THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE OR ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR; OR

(10) IS A CATEGORY OF INDIVIDUALS PROHIBITED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION FROM WAGERING ON A SPORTING EVENT.

(B) FOR ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING, A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE SHALL:

(1) HAVE IN PLACE TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL MEASURES TO PREVENT ACCESS BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNDERAGE OR PHYSICALLY LOCATED OUTSIDE THE STATE, INCLUDING:

(I) AGE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES, WHICH MAY REQUIRE THE USE OF A REPUTABLE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY THAT IS IN THE BUSINESS OF VERIFYING AN INDIVIDUAL'S PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION; AND

(II) THE USE OF GEOLOCATION TECHNOLOGY TO VERIFY A BETTOR'S GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION;

(2) INCLUDE ON ITS ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING WEBSITE A DESCRIPTION OF THE POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS FOR AN UNDERAGE OR OUT-OF-STATE BETTOR, WHICH MAY INCLUDE IMMEDIATE STOPPAGE OF PLAY, ACCOUNT CLOSURE, AND FORFEITURE AND CONFISCATION OF WINNINGS; AND

(3) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO PREVENT PROHIBITED INDIVIDUALS FROM WAGERING ON SPORTING EVENTS.

(C) A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE SHALL:

(1) PROMPTLY REPORT TO THE COMMISSION:

(I) ANY CRIMINAL OR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE LICENSEE OR ITS EMPLOYEES IN CONNECTION WITH THE LICENSEE'S SPORTS WAGERING OPERATION;

(II) ANY ABNORMAL BETTING ACTIVITY OR PATTERNS THAT MAY INDICATE A CONCERN ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF A SPORTING EVENT;

(III) ANY OTHER CONDUCT WITH THE POTENTIAL TO CORRUPT THE OUTCOME OF A SPORTING EVENT FOR PURPOSES OF FINANCIAL GAIN, INCLUDING MATCH FIXING; AND

(IV) ANY SUSPICIOUS OR ILLEGAL WAGERING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE USE OF FUNDS DERIVED FROM ILLEGAL ACTIVITY, WAGERS TO CONCEAL OR LAUNDER FUNDS DERIVED FROM ILLEGAL ACTIVITY, USE OF AGENTS TO PLACE WAGERS, OR USE OF FALSE IDENTIFICATION; AND

(2) MAINTAIN RECORDS OF SPORTS WAGERING OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.

(D) THE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO SHARE ANY INFORMATION UNDER THIS SECTION WITH ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, SPORTS TEAM, SPORTS GOVERNING ENTITY, OR REGULATORY AGENCY THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

(E) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "INTERESTED PARTY" MEANS:

(I) A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE;

(II) A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM, LEAGUE, ASSOCIATION, OR GOVERNING ENTITY; OR

(III) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(2) IF AN INTERESTED PARTY BELIEVES THAT A TYPE OR FORM OF WAGERING OR A CATEGORY OF INDIVIDUALS WAGERING ON SPORTING EVENTS IS CONTRARY TO PUBLIC POLICY, IS UNFAIR TO CONSUMERS, OR AFFECTS THE INTEGRITY OF A PARTICULAR SPORT OR THE SPORTS WAGERING INDUSTRY, THE INTERESTED PARTY MAY SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSION, IN WRITING, A REQUEST TO PROHIBIT THE TYPE OR FORM OF SPORTS WAGERING OR THE CATEGORY OF INDIVIDUALS FROM WAGERING ON SPORTING EVENTS.

(3) THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT A REQUEST SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE BY THE INTERESTED PARTY.

(4) THE COMMISSION SHALL RESPOND TO A REQUEST UNDER THIS SUBSECTION CONCERNING A PARTICULAR SPORTING EVENT BEFORE THE START OF

THE SPORTING EVENT TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE, OR AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

9-1E-12.

(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ACCOUNT TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR ALL OF THE REVENUE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE PROCEEDS FROM SPORTS WAGERING SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMPTROLLER AND DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(B) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, ALL PROCEEDS FROM SPORTS WAGERING SHALL BE ELECTRONICALLY TRANSFERRED DAILY INTO THE STATE LOTTERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE.

(II) A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN 85% OF THE PROCEEDS FROM SPORTS WAGERING CONDUCTED AT THE LOCATIONS DESCRIBED IN § 9-1E-09(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(III) A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN:

1. OF THE FIRST \$5,000,000 OF PROCEEDS FROM ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING RECEIVED BY THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR, 85% OF THE PROCEEDS; AND

2. OF ANY PROCEEDS FROM ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING RECEIVED BY THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR EXCEEDING \$5,000,000, 82.5% OF THE PROCEEDS.

(2) ALL PROCEEDS FROM SPORTS WAGERING IN THE STATE LOTTERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS, ON A PROPERLY APPROVED TRANSMITTAL PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-219 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(C) A WINNING WAGER ON A SPORTING EVENT THAT IS NOT CLAIMED BY THE WINNER WITHIN 182 DAYS AFTER THE WAGER IS WON SHALL:

(1) BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE; AND

(2) BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-219 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(D) IF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE RETURNS TO SUCCESSFUL PLAYERS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WAGERED ON ANY DAY, THE LICENSEE MAY SUBTRACT THAT AMOUNT FROM THE PROCEEDS OF UP TO 90 FOLLOWING DAYS.

9-1E-13.

(A) ALL WAGERS ON SPORTING EVENTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE INITIATED, RECEIVED, AND OTHERWISE MADE WITHIN THE STATE UNLESS OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS.

(B) CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AS ARTICULATED IN THE UNLAWFUL INTERNET GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2006, THE INTERMEDIATE ROUTING OF ELECTRONIC DATA RELATING TO A LAWFUL INTRASTATE WAGER AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT DETERMINE THE LOCATION IN WHICH THE WAGER IS INITIATED, RECEIVED, OR OTHERWISE MADE.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, A WAGER ON A SPORTING EVENT MAY BE ACCEPTED OR POOLED WITH A WAGER FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE STATE IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT ACCEPTING OR POOLING THE WAGER IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW OR THE LAW OF THE JURISDICTION, INCLUDING ANY FOREIGN NATION, IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL IS LOCATED, OR THAT SUCH WAGERING IS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT TO WHICH THE STATE IS A PARTY THAT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW.

9-1E-14.

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

(1) THE OPERATION OF SPORTS WAGERING IN THE STATE; AND

(2) SPORTS WAGERING REVENUES FROM THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, INCLUDING THE HANDLE, HOLD, HOLD PERCENTAGE, AND PROCEEDS, BROKEN DOWN BY CATEGORIES DEFINED BY THE COMMISSION.

9-1E-15.

(A) THERE IS A SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION.

(B) (1) THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING SEVEN MEMBERS:

(I) THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION, OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE;

(II) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(III) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, WHO MAY NOT BE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE; AND

(IV) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, WHO MAY NOT BE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

(2) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION APPOINTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHOULD REFLECT THE RACE, GENDER, AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE POPULATION OF THE STATE.

(3) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE A CHAIR OF THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) AND (II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) THE GOVERNOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION FOR INEFFICIENCY, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, OR NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY.

(C) A MEMBER OF THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION:

(1) SHALL BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD;

(2) SHALL BE A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES;

(3) SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

(4) SHALL BE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED IN FISCAL MATTERS AND SHALL HAVE AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE:

(I) AS AN EXECUTIVE WITH FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES IN CHARGE OF A LARGE ORGANIZATION OR FOUNDATION;

(II) IN AN ACADEMIC FIELD RELATING TO FINANCE OR ECONOMICS; OR

(III) AS AN ECONOMIST, A FINANCIAL ANALYST, OR AN ACCOUNTANT, OR AS A PROFESSIONAL IN A SIMILAR PROFESSION RELATING TO FISCAL MATTERS OR ECONOMICS;

(5) MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF OR GRANTED PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT FOR A SERIOUS CRIME OR A CRIME THAT INVOLVES GAMBLING OR MORAL TURPITUDE;

(6) MAY NOT HAVE AN OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP TO A PERSON THAT HOLDS A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(7) MAY NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST, OWNERSHIP, OR MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING HOLDING ANY STOCKS, BONDS, OR OTHER SIMILAR FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN ANY GAMING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING HORSE RACING, VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS, OR LOTTERY;

(8) MAY NOT RECEIVE OR SHARE IN, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE RECEIPTS OR PROCEEDS OF ANY GAMING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING HORSE RACING OR LOTTERY;

(9) MAY NOT HAVE A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN ANY CONTRACT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OR SALE OF GAMING DEVICES, THE CONDUCT OF ANY GAMING ACTIVITY, OR THE PROVISION OF ANY INDEPENDENT CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY GAMING ESTABLISHMENT OR GAMING ACTIVITY;

(10) MAY NOT BE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AND

(11) SHALL FILE A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(D) A MEMBER OF THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR SERVING ON THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE REVIEW COMMISSION; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(E) (1) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF TO THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT THAT HAS AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE IN CONSULTING ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE GAMING INDUSTRY TO ASSIST THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION IN THE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(F) THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION:

(1) SHALL REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1E-06 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) MAY AWARD NOT MORE THAN FIVE CLASS B SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSES AND 10 MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, THROUGH A COMPETITIVE PROCESS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS UNDER TITLE 13 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(G) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CONSTRUED TO PREEMPT THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY OF THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION TO AWARD SPORTS WAGERING LICENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

(H) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1E-06 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CERTIFICATION AGENCY AS DEFINED IN § 14-301 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS, AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHALL:

(I) EVALUATE A STUDY OF THE SPORTS WAGERING INDUSTRY AND MARKET TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A COMPELLING INTEREST TO IMPLEMENT REMEDIAL MEASURES, IN ADDITION TO THE APPLICATION OF THE STATE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3

OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE OR A SIMILAR PROGRAM, TO ASSIST MINORITIES AND WOMEN IN THE SPORTS WAGERING INDUSTRY;

(II) EVALUATE RACE-NEUTRAL PROGRAMS OR OTHER METHODS THAT MAY BE USED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF MINORITY AND WOMEN APPLICANTS AND MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPORTS WAGERING INDUSTRY; AND

(III) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT REMEDIAL MEASURES, IF NECESSARY AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY EVALUATED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(I) (1) IF AN APPLICANT IS SEEKING INVESTORS IN THE ENTITY APPLYING FOR A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE, THE APPLICANT SHALL TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS BEFORE BEING AWARDED A LICENSE BY THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION:

(I) MAKE SERIOUS, GOOD-FAITH EFFORTS TO SOLICIT AND INTERVIEW A REASONABLE NUMBER OF MINORITY INVESTORS; AND

(II) AS PART OF THE APPLICATION, SUBMIT A STATEMENT THAT LISTS THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL MINORITY INVESTORS INTERVIEWED AND WHETHER OR NOT ANY OF THOSE INVESTORS HAVE PURCHASED AN EQUITY SHARE IN THE ENTITY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION.

(2) IF AN APPLICANT IS AWARDED A LICENSE BY THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION, THE APPLICANT SHALL SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION THAT REQUIRES THE AWARDEE TO AGAIN MAKE SERIOUS, GOOD-FAITH EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW MINORITY INVESTORS IN ANY FUTURE ATTEMPTS TO RAISE VENTURE CAPITAL OR ATTRACT NEW INVESTORS TO THE ENTITY AWARDED THE LICENSE.

(3) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHALL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ALL POTENTIAL APPLICANTS AND POTENTIAL MINORITY INVESTORS TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1)(I) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(J) THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION MAY NOT AWARD A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE TO A PERSON THAT IS NOT QUALIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION OR THIS SUBTITLE.

(K) (1) THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION SHALL REFER TO THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION THE NAME AND ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION CONCERNING A PERSON THAT MAKES AN APPLICATION UNDER THIS SECTION.

(2) ON RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION SHALL EVALUATE WHETHER AN APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED TO HOLD A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) ON COMPLETION OF ITS DETERMINATION, THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION OF ITS EVALUATION AS TO WHETHER AN APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED TO HOLD A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(L) AFTER AN AWARD OF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION OF THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS.

(M) AFTER AN AWARD OF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) ISSUE THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE; AND

(2) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATING TO REGULATION OF THE LICENSEE.

(N) (1) AN UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANT FOR A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY SEEK, UNDER TITLE 15 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, REVIEW BY THE STATE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS OF THE AWARDED OF THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE BY THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION.

(2) A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

(I) TAKE PRECEDENCE ON THE BOARD'S DOCKET;

(II) BE HEARD AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE; AND

(III) BE EXPEDITED IN EVERY WAY.

(O) (1) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION TO AWARD ALL FIVE CLASS B SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSES OR ALL 10 MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION MAY NOT AWARD A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE UNLESS THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION DETERMINES AND DECLARES THAT AN APPLICANT SELECTED FOR AWARD OF THE LICENSE IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(P) THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION MAY AWARD A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE THAT IS REVOKED OR SURRENDERED UTILIZING THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

(Q) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION SHALL TERMINATE ON JANUARY 1, 2028.

(2) THE GOVERNOR MAY RECONSTITUTE THE SPORTS WAGERING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMISSION, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS BASED ON THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION:

(I) 1 YEAR PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE; OR

(II) FOLLOWING THE REVOCATION OR SURRENDER OF A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission established under § 9–1E–15 of the State Government Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, shall examine the factors examined and remedial measures implemented by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission with respect to the licensure of medical cannabis growers, processors, and dispensaries and determine whether similar factors and remedial measures may be applied to the sports wagering industry.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works under § 14–303(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article to certify and decertify minority business enterprises, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General and the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and

Women Business Affairs, shall initiate an analysis of the Minority Business Enterprise Program requirements of § 10A–404 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and the disparity study submitted pursuant to Chapter 340 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017 to evaluate compliance with the requirements of any federal and constitutional requirements and submit a report on the analysis to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on or before December 1, 2023.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021.