

HOUSE BILL 668

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Problem Gambling Fund – Table Game Fees and Distribution of**
3 **Sports Wagering Proceeds**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, rather than authorizing, the State Lottery and Gaming
5 Control Commission to establish a certain fee for certain table games to be
6 distributed to the Problem Gambling Fund; altering the distribution of the proceeds
7 from sports wagering to include a certain amount for the Problem Gambling Fund;
8 and generally relating to the Problem Gambling Fund.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 9–1A–33(a)(2) and 9–1E–12
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – State Government**

17 9–1A–33.

18 (a) (2) The Commission [may] **SHALL** establish an annual fee of [up to] \$500
19 for each table game to be paid by each video lottery operation licensee and distributed to
20 the Problem Gambling Fund under subsection (b) of this section [in order to ensure
21 sufficient funds are available to provide requested services].

22 9–1E–12.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) The Commission shall account to the Comptroller for all of the revenue
2 under this subtitle.

3 (2) The proceeds from sports wagering, less the amount retained by the
4 licensee under subsection (b)(1) of this section, shall be under the control of the Comptroller
5 and distributed as provided under subsection (b) of this section.

6 (b) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this
7 paragraph, all proceeds from sports wagering shall be electronically transferred monthly
8 into the State Lottery Fund established under Subtitle 1 of this title.

9 (ii) A Class A-1 and A-2 sports wagering facility licensee shall
10 retain 85% of the proceeds from sports wagering conducted at the locations described in §
11 9-1E-09(a) of this subtitle.

12 (iii) A Class B-1 and B-2 sports wagering facility licensee shall
13 retain 85% of the proceeds from sports wagering conducted at the location described in the
14 licensee's application.

15 (iv) A mobile sports wagering licensee shall retain 85% of the
16 proceeds from online sports wagering received by the licensee.

17 (2) [All] **THE** proceeds from sports wagering in the State Lottery Fund
18 established under Subtitle 1 of this title shall be distributed on a monthly basis, on a
19 properly approved transmittal prepared by the Commission **AS FOLLOWS:**

20 (I) **1% TO THE PROBLEM GAMBLING FUND ESTABLISHED**
21 **UNDER § 9-1A-33 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

22 (II) **THE REMAINDER** to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund
23 established under § 5-206 of the Education Article.

24 (c) A winning wager on a sporting event that is not claimed by the winner within
25 182 days after the wager is won shall:

26 (1) become the property of the State; and

27 (2) be distributed to the Problem Gambling Fund established under §
28 9-1A-33 of this title.

29 (d) If a sports wagering licensee returns to successful players more than the
30 amount of money wagered in any month, the licensee may subtract that amount from the
31 proceeds of up to the three following months.

32 (e) The admissions and amusement tax may not be imposed on any proceeds from
33 sports wagering.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2023.