

HOUSE BILL 1288

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By: **Delegate Charles**

Introduced and read first time: February 26, 2023

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Employee Licenses – Crimes of Moral Turpitude or Gambling**
3 **Offenses – Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which the State Lottery and Gaming
5 Control Commission is required to disqualify an applicant who committed a certain
6 crime involving moral turpitude or gambling from holding a video lottery employee
7 license; and generally relating to the licensure of video lottery employees.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – State Government

10 Section 9–1A–14(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – State Government

15 Section 9–1A–14(c)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – State Government**

21 9–1A–14.

22 (a) Unless an individual holds a valid video lottery employee license or temporary
23 video lottery employee license issued by the Commission, the individual may not be
24 employed by a video lottery operation licensee as a video lottery employee.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) (1) The Commission shall deny a video lottery employee license to an
2 applicant who is disqualified due to:

3 [(1)] (I) the applicant's failure to prove the applicant's good character,
4 honesty, and integrity;

5 [(2)] (II) the applicant's lack of expertise or training to be a video lottery
6 employee;

7 [(3)] (III) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
8 **SUBSECTION**, the applicant's conviction, active parole, or probation for any crime involving
9 moral turpitude or gambling under the laws of the United States or any state within the
10 prior 7 years;

11 [(4)] (IV) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
12 **SUBSECTION**, the applicant's current prosecution for any crime involving moral turpitude
13 or gambling under the laws of the United States or any state, but, at the request of the
14 applicant, the Commission may defer a decision on the application during the pendency of
15 the charge;

16 [(5)] (V) pursuit by the applicant of economic gain in an occupational
17 manner or context that is in violation of the laws of the State, if the pursuit creates a
18 reasonable belief that participation of the applicant in video lottery operations would be
19 inimical to the policies of this subtitle;

20 [(6)] (VI) identification of the applicant as a career offender or a member
21 of a career offender cartel or an associate of a career offender or career offender cartel in a
22 manner that creates a reasonable belief that the association is of a nature as to be inimical
23 to the policies of this subtitle;

24 [(7)] (VII) willful defiance by the applicant or a person that is required to
25 be qualified under this subtitle as a condition of a license of a legislative investigatory body
26 or other official investigatory body of the United States or a jurisdiction within the United
27 States when the body is engaged in the investigation of crimes relating to gambling, official
28 corruption, or organized crime activity; and

29 [(8)] (VIII) any other reason established in the regulations of the
30 Commission as a reason for denying a license.

31 (2) (I) **IN THIS PARAGRAPH, "PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT" MEANS**
32 **A PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT UNDER THE OFFICE OF PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS,**
33 **OR A COMPARABLE PROGRAM FROM ANOTHER STATE COURT SYSTEM, THAT**
34 **PROVIDES A COLLABORATIVE, THERAPEUTIC, NONADVERSARIAL APPROACH TO**
35 **JUDICIAL SUPERVISION OF ELIGIBLE OFFENDERS, INCLUDING A DRUG COURT, DUI**
36 **COURT, VETERANS' COURT, MENTAL HEALTH COURT, OR REENTRY COURT.**

1 **(II) AN APPLICANT IS NOT DISQUALIFIED FROM LICENSURE**
2 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OR (IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE CONVICTION OR**
3 **PROSECUTION INVOLVES A NONVIOLENT CRIME FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT**
4 **PARTICIPATED IN AND COMPLETED A PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT PROGRAM.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2023.