

# HOUSE BILL 1288

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By: **Delegate Charles**

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

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**

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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 9-1A-14.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1           **(2) (I) IN THIS PARAGRAPH, “PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT” MEANS**  
2 **A PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT UNDER THE OFFICE OF PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS,**  
3 **OR A COMPARABLE PROGRAM FROM ANOTHER STATE COURT SYSTEM, THAT**  
4 **PROVIDES A COLLABORATIVE, THERAPEUTIC, NONADVERSARIAL APPROACH TO**  
5 **JUDICIAL SUPERVISION OF ELIGIBLE OFFENDERS, INCLUDING A DRUG COURT, DUI**  
6 **COURT, VETERANS’ COURT, MENTAL HEALTH COURT, OR REENTRY COURT.**

7           **(II) AN APPLICANT IS NOT DISQUALIFIED FROM LICENSURE**  
8 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OR (IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE CONVICTION,**  
9 **ACTIVE PAROLE, PROBATION, OR PROSECUTION INVOLVES A NONVIOLENT ~~CRIME~~**  
10 **MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE, OTHER THAN A CRIME INVOLVING GAMBLING, FOR WHICH**  
11 **THE APPLICANT PARTICIPATED IN AND COMPLETED A PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT**  
12 **PROGRAM.**

13           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.