

SB0708/233324/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 708
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “**Gaming – Campaign Finance Contributions, Distribution of Video Lottery Proceeds, and Sports Wagering Requirements**”; in line 4, after “of” insert “repealing the prohibition on applicants for and holders of video lottery operation licenses and persons who own an interest in video lottery facility operations in the State from directly or indirectly making contributions to certain campaign finance entities; altering the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals at certain facilities in certain counties;”; strike beginning with “the” in line 6 down through “content” in line 7 and substitute “gaming”; after line 7, insert:

“BY repealing

Article – Election Law

Section 13–237

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”;

and in line 10, after “Section” insert “9–1A–27(a)(7) and (b)(4) and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 14, insert:

“Article – Election Law

[13–237.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

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(2) “Own” has the meaning stated in § 9–1A–01 of the State Government Article.

(3) “Video lottery facility” has the meaning stated in § 9–1A–01 of the State Government Article.

(4) “Video lottery operation license” has the meaning stated in § 9–1A–01 of the State Government Article.

(b) This section applies to the following persons:

(1) an applicant for a video lottery operation license;

(2) a holder of a video lottery operation license; or

(3) a person who owns an interest in the operation of a video lottery facility in this State.

(c) This section does not apply to gaming activity that an eligible organization is authorized to conduct under the Criminal Law Article.

(d) A person subject to this section may not, directly or indirectly, make a contribution to:

(1) the campaign finance entity of a candidate for any nonfederal public office in the State; or

(2) any other campaign finance entity organized in support of a candidate for any nonfederal public office in the State.]

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9-1A-27.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section and § 9-1A-26(a)(3) of this subtitle, on a properly approved transmittal prepared by the Commission, the Comptroller shall pay the following amounts from the proceeds of video lottery terminals at each video lottery facility:

(7) (i) except as provided in [items (ii) and (iii)] ITEM (II) of this item, 6% to the video lottery operation licensee if the video lottery operation licensee owns or leases each video lottery terminal device and the associated equipment and software; AND

(ii) [8% to the video lottery operation licensee in Anne Arundel County; and

(iii)] 10% to the video lottery operation licensee in Allegany County or Worcester County if the video lottery operation licensee assumes ownership or the right to lease each video lottery terminal device and the associated equipment and software used by the facility before January 1, 2019;

(b) (4) Beginning July 1, [2023] 2025, for a video lottery facility in Cecil County, the percentage in subsection (a)(2) of this section is equal to [36%] 41% provided that each year an amount equivalent to [3%] 8% of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the video lottery facility is spent on:

(i) marketing, advertising, and promotional costs required under § 9-1A-23 of this subtitle; and

(ii) capital improvements at the video lottery facility.

(Over)

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

On page 2, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; in the same line, after “That” insert “:

(a)”;

in the same line, strike “1” and substitute “2”; after line 4, insert:

“(b) Within 5 days after the State Lottery and Gaming Commission issues licenses as required under § 9–1E–17 of the State Government Article to at least three independent evaluators, the Commission shall notify the Department of Legislative Services.

(c) Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the date the notice described under subsection (b) of this section is received by the Department of Legislative Services.”;

in line 5, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act.”.