

SENATE BILL 112

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CF HB 295

By: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)

Requested: September 16, 2025

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT concerning
- 2 **Gaming – Prohibition on Interactive Games and Revenue From Illegal Markets**
- 3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain persons from operating, conducting, or promoting
4 certain interactive games; requiring certain license applicants and licensees to report
5 to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission any business relationship with
6 certain persons known to support, operate, conduct, or promote certain interactive
7 games; requiring the Commission to deny certain license applications and revoke
8 certain licenses under certain circumstances; requiring certain license applicants
9 and licensees to submit a certain disclosure under certain circumstances; prohibiting
10 the Commission from issuing a license to certain persons or allowing the person to
11 commence or continue operations if the person or an affiliate of the person knowingly
12 accepts revenue that is directly or indirectly derived from certain jurisdictions;
13 authorizing the Commission to deny certain applications or impose certain sanctions
14 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to interactive games and illegal
15 gaming markets.
- 16 BY adding to
17 Article – Criminal Law
18 Section 12–115
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 21 BY adding to
22 Article – State Government
23 Section 9–1A–07(g) and 9–1A–08.1
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – State Government
2 Section 9–1A–07(g) and 9–1E–03(a)(1)
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

6 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

7 **Article – Criminal Law**

8 **12–115.**

9 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
10 **INDICATED.**

11 **(2) “COMMISSION” MEANS THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING**
12 **CONTROL COMMISSION.**

13 **(3) (I) “INTERACTIVE GAME” MEANS A GAME, CONTEST, OR**
14 **PROMOTION THAT:**

15 **1. IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET OR ACCESSIBLE ON**
16 **A MOBILE PHONE, COMPUTER TERMINAL, OR SIMILAR DEVICE;**

17 **2. UTILIZES MULTIPLE CURRENCY SYSTEMS OF**
18 **PAYMENT ALLOWING THE PLAYER TO EXCHANGE THE CURRENCY FOR ANY PRIZE OR**
19 **AWARD OR CASH OR CASH EQUIVALENTS; AND**

20 **3. SIMULATES:**

21 **A. CASINO–STYLE GAMING, SUCH AS SLOT MACHINES,**
22 **VIDEO POKER, AND TABLE GAMES, INCLUDING BLACKJACK, ROULETTE, CRAPS, AND**
23 **POKER;**

24 **B. LOTTERY GAMES, INCLUDING DRAW GAMES, INSTANT**
25 **WIN GAMES, KENO, AND BINGO; OR**

26 **C. SPORTS WAGERING.**

27 **(II) “INTERACTIVE GAME” DOES NOT INCLUDE A GAME THAT**
28 **SOLELY AWARDS NONCASH PRIZES.**

4 (B) (1) A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE, CONDUCT, OR PROMOTE AN
5 INTERACTIVE GAME IN THE STATE.

12 (C) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A
13 MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT
14 EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A FINE NOT LESS THAN \$10,000 AND NOT EXCEEDING
15 \$100,000 OR BOTH.

Article – State Government

20 9-1A-07.

21 (G) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
22 MEANINGS INDICATED.

23 (II) "ILLEGAL INTERACTIVE GAMING MARKET" MEANS A
24 JURISDICTION IN WHICH AN INTERACTIVE GAME IS PROHIBITED BY THE LAWS OF
25 THAT JURISDICTION.

(III) "INTERACTIVE GAME" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 12–115 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

6 [(g)] (h) (1) [An individual] **A PERSON** may not knowingly give false
7 information or make a material misstatement in an application required for any license
8 under this subtitle or in any supplemental information required by the Commission.

12 9-1A-08.1.

13 (A) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE TO A PERSON REQUIRED
14 TO BE LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF THE APPLICANT OR ANY OF THE
15 APPLICANT'S AFFILIATES, INCLUDING AN ENTITY UNDER COMMON CONTROL,
16 KNOWINGLY ACCEPTS REVENUE THAT IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY DERIVED FROM:

19 (2) A JURISDICTION DESIGNATED AS A STATE SPONSOR OF
20 TERRORISM BY THE UNITED STATES; OR

24 **(B) (1)** THE COMMISSION MAY NOT ALLOW A PERSON REQUIRED TO BE
25 LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO COMMENCE OR CONTINUE OPERATIONS IF THE
26 COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE PERSON OR ANY OF THE PERSON'S
27 AFFILIATES, INCLUDING ENTITIES UNDER COMMON CONTROL, KNOWINGLY
28 ACCEPTS REVENUE THAT IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY DERIVED FROM A
29 JURISDICTION DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

1 9-1E-03.

2 (a) (1) Unless the context requires otherwise, the requirements under §§
3 9-1A-04, 9-1A-06, 9-1A-07, 9-1A-08, **9-1A-08.1**, 9-1A-12, 9-1A-14, 9-1A-18,
4 9-1A-19, 9-1A-20, and 9-1A-25 of this title apply to the authority, duties, and
5 responsibilities of the Commission, a sports wagering licensee, and an employee or a
6 contractor of a sports wagering licensee under this subtitle.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2026.