

SENATE BILL 557

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By: Senator Beidle

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Definition of “Own” – Alterations

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “own” for purposes of certain provisions of law
4 governing the regulation of video lottery facilities and sports wagering to exclude a
5 certain interest in the property or business of a certain applicant or licensee under
6 certain circumstances; and generally relating to the regulation of video lottery
7 facilities and sports wagering in the State.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – State Government

10 Section 9–1A–01(a), 9–1A–05(b) and (d)(1) through (3), 9–1A–08(a)(5), (6), and (10)
11 and (d)(1), 9–1A–12, and 9–1E–03(a)(1)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article – State Government

16 Section 9–1A–01(s)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

22 9–1A–01.

23 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3 (2) "OWN" DOES NOT INCLUDE HAVING A BENEFICIAL OR
4 PROPRIETARY INTEREST OF 25% OR LESS IN THE PROPERTY OR BUSINESS OF AN
5 APPLICANT OR LICENSEE, IF THE INTEREST:

(I) DOES NOT CONFER ANY VOTING RIGHTS; AND

11 9-1A-05.

12 (b) An owner or operator of a video lottery destination location described under §
13 9-1A-01 of this subtitle may submit an application for a video lottery operation license.

19 (2) An individual or business entity may not own an interest in more than
20 one video lottery facility.

24 9-1A-08.

25 (a) In addition to other information required by this subtitle, a business entity
26 applying for a video lottery operation license shall provide the following information:

31 (6) the terms on which the securities, partnership interests, or other
32 similar ownership interests have been or are to be offered;

(10) the names of persons who own or control the business entity;

2 (d) The Commission shall disqualify an applicant for a video lottery operation
3 license on the basis of any of the following criteria:

7 9-1A-12.

If a video lottery operation licensee contracts with another person other than an employee of the video lottery operation licensee to provide any of the services related to operating a video lottery facility, each person and each other person who owns or controls the person or management and supervisory personnel and other principal employees of the person shall qualify under the standards and provisions set forth in §§ 9-1A-07 and 9-1A-08 of this subtitle for video lottery operation licensees.

14 9-1E-03.

15 (a) (1) Unless the context requires otherwise, the requirements under §§
16 9-1A-04, 9-1A-06, 9-1A-07, 9-1A-08, 9-1A-12, 9-1A-14, 9-1A-18, 9-1A-19, 9-1A-20,
17 and 9-1A-25 of this title apply to the authority, duties, and responsibilities of the
18 Commission, a sports wagering licensee, and an employee or a contractor of a sports
19 wagering licensee under this subtitle.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2026.