

# SENATE BILL 885

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By: **Senator Watson**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Internet Gaming and Online Bingo – Authorization and Implementation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue  
4 certain licenses to certain qualified applicants to conduct or participate in certain  
5 Internet gaming and online bingo operations in the State; requiring the Commission  
6 to regulate Internet gaming and online bingo and the conduct of Internet gaming  
7 and online bingo in the State; authorizing the Governor, on recommendation of the  
8 Commission, to enter into certain multijurisdictional Internet gaming agreements  
9 with certain other governments, subject to certain limitations; providing that certain  
10 payments to certain former video lottery facility employees may not be subtracted  
11 from the calculation of a certain benefit; establishing the Video Lottery Facility  
12 Employee Displacement Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; submitting this Act to  
13 a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; and generally relating to Internet  
14 gaming and online bingo.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article – Economic Development  
17 Section 5–1501(b)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
21 Article – Economic Development  
22 Section 5–1501(c)(1)  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
26 Article – Education  
27 Section 5–206(b)  
28 Annotated Code of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Education  
Section 5–206(f) and 5–235(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Labor and Employment  
Section 8–803(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2025 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–1A–28(a) and 9–1A–29(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–1A–28(b)(1) and 9–1A–29(b)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–1F–01 through 9–1F–13 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 1F. Internet  
Gaming and Online Bingo”  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### **Article – Economic Development**

5–1501.

(b) There is a Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account under the  
authority of the Department.

(c) (1) The Account shall receive money as required under [§ 9–1A–27] §§  
9–1A–27 AND 9–1F–05 of the State Government Article.

### **Article – Education**

1 5–206.

2 (b) There is the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund.

3 (f) The Fund consists of:

4 (1) Revenue distributed to the Fund under Title 9, Subtitles 1D [and 1E]  
5 **THROUGH 1F** of the State Government Article and §§ 2–4A–02, 2–605.1, and 2–1303 of  
6 the Tax – General Article;

7 (2) Money appropriated in the State budget for the Fund;

8 (3) Interest earned by the Academic Excellence Fund established under §  
9 6–1105 of this article; and

10 (4) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the  
11 Fund.

12 5–235.

13 (a) (1) (i) Subject to **PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND**  
14 subsection (o) of this section and beginning in fiscal year 2023, the county governing body  
15 shall levy and appropriate an annual tax sufficient to provide an amount of revenue for  
16 elementary and secondary public education purposes equal to the local share of major  
17 education aid as adjusted under § 5–239 of this subtitle.

18 (ii) For the purposes of calculating the local share of major education  
19 aid and regardless of the source of the funds, all funds that a county board, including the  
20 Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, is authorized to expend for schools may be  
21 considered as levied by the county council, board of county commissioners, or the Mayor  
22 and City Council of Baltimore except for:

23 1. State appropriations;

24 2. Federal education aid payments; and

25 3. The amount of the expenditure authorized for debt service  
26 and capital outlay.

27 (2) Subject to **PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND** subsection (o)  
28 of this section and except as provided in subsection (a–1) of this section, the county  
29 governing body shall appropriate local funds to the school operating budget in an amount  
30 no less than the product of the county’s enrollment count for the current fiscal year and the  
31 local appropriation on a per pupil basis for the prior fiscal year using enrollment count.

**(3) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2028 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY SHALL:**

**(I) SUBTRACT THE AMOUNT OF INTERNET GAMING PROCEEDS DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FOR EDUCATION FUNDING UNDER § 9-1F-05(B)(2)(VIII) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE FROM THE TOTAL AMOUNTS CALCULATED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

**(II) APPROPRIATE TO THE SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET THE AMOUNT OF INTERNET GAMING PROCEEDS THAT THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY RECEIVED.**

### **Article – Labor and Employment**

8-803.

(d) (1) Except as provided in § 8-1207 of this title for the work sharing program and § 8-1604 of this title for the Self-Employment Assistance Program, an eligible claimant shall be paid a weekly benefit amount that is computed by:

(i) determining the claimant's weekly benefit amount under this section;

(ii) adding any allowance for a dependent to which the claimant is entitled under § 8-804 of this subtitle; and

(iii) subject to [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) of this subsection, subtracting any wages exceeding \$50 payable to the claimant for the week.

(2) In computing benefits under this subsection, a fraction of a dollar shall be rounded to the next lower dollar.

(3) A payment to an individual as compensation for serving as an election judge for a local board of elections in the State may not be included when computing the wages required to be subtracted under paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection.

**(4) A PAYMENT TO A FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE FROM THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1F-13 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE MAY NOT BE INCLUDED WHEN COMPUTING THE WAGES REQUIRED TO BE SUBTRACTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

### **Article – State Government**

9-1A-28.

(a) There is a Purse Dedication Account under the authority of the State Racing Commission.

(b) (1) The Account shall receive money as required under § 9-1A-27 of this subtitle AND **§ 9-1F-05 OF THIS TITLE.**  
9-1A-29.

(a) There is a Racetrack Facility Renewal Account under the authority of the State Racing Commission.

(b) (1) The Account shall receive money as required under:

(I) § 9-1A-27 of this subtitle for the first 16 years of operations at each video lottery facility; AND

(II) **§ 9-1F-05 OF THIS TITLE.**

**SUBTITLE 1F. INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO.**

**9-1F-01.**

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “BINGO PROCEEDS” MEANS THE TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM THE OPERATION OF ONLINE BINGO LESS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WINNINGS OR PRIZES PAID OUT TO PLAYERS.

(C) “COMMERCIAL BINGO OPERATOR” MEANS THE HOLDER OF A LICENSE TO OPERATE ELECTRONIC BINGO MACHINES IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 13 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

(D) “COMMISSION” MEANS THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION.

(E) “ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AREA” MEANS A GEOGRAPHIC AREA IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION THAT MEETS THREE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

(1) HAS A MEDIAN INCOME RATE THAT IS 80% OR LESS OF THE AVERAGE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF THE STATE WITHIN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS LOCATED;

(2) HAS AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE STATE WITHIN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS LOCATED;

(3) HAS AN UNINSURED RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE HEALTH UNINSURED RATE OF THE STATE WITHIN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS LOCATED;

(4) HAS A SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION RATE OF THE STATE WITHIN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS LOCATED; AND

(5) HAS A POVERTY RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE POVERTY RATE IN THE STATE WITHIN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS LOCATED.

(F) "GAMING PROCEEDS" MEANS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BET ON INTERNET GAMING, LESS:

(1) THE AMOUNT RETURNED TO SUCCESSFUL PLAYERS;

(2) THE CASH EQUIVALENTS OF ANY MERCHANDISE OR THING OF VALUE AWARDED AS A PRIZE TO SUCCESSFUL PLAYERS; AND

(3) THROUGH THE FIRST 5 YEARS OF OPERATION OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE:

(I) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S PROCEEDS DO NOT EXCEED \$4,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, 35% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS;

(II) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S PROCEEDS ARE AT LEAST \$4,000,000 BUT DO NOT EXCEED \$8,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, 31.25% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS;

(III) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S PROCEEDS ARE AT LEAST \$8,000,000 BUT DO NOT EXCEED \$10,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, 27.5% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS;

(IV) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S PROCEEDS ARE AT LEAST \$10,000,000 BUT DO NOT EXCEED \$12,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY

PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, 23.75% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS; OR

(V) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S PROCEEDS EXCEED \$12,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, 20% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS.

(G) "INTERNET GAMING" MEANS CASINO-STYLE GAMING THROUGH AN ONLINE GAMING SYSTEM:

(1) ON A COMPUTER, A MOBILE DEVICE, OR ANY OTHER INTERACTIVE DEVICE; AND

(2) THAT IS CONDUCTED BY AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR A PERSON WHO OPERATES INTERNET GAMING ON BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE.

(H) "INTERNET GAMING LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT INTERNET GAMING IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

(I) "INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE" MEANS THE HOLDER OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(J) "MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1E-01 OF THIS TITLE.

(K) "ONLINE BINGO" MEANS ONLINE OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC INSTANT BINGO.

(L) "ONLINE BINGO LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT ONLINE BINGO IN THE STATE.

(M) "ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE" MEANS THE HOLDER OF AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(N) "ONLINE GAMING OPERATOR" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO:

(1) CONDUCT AND OPERATE INTERNET GAMING ON BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE; OR

(2) CONDUCT AND OPERATE ONLINE BINGO ON BEHALF OF AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE.

(O) (1) “PERSONAL NET WORTH” MEANS THE NET VALUE OF THE ASSETS HELD BY AN INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING THE INDIVIDUAL’S SHARE OF ASSETS HELD JOINTLY OR AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH THE INDIVIDUAL’S SPOUSE, AFTER TOTAL LIABILITIES ARE DEDUCTED.

(2) “PERSONAL NET WORTH” DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(I) THE INDIVIDUAL’S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN AN APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) THE INDIVIDUAL’S EQUITY IN THE INDIVIDUAL’S PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE;

(III) ANY MORTGAGE OR LOAN SECURED BY THE INDIVIDUAL’S PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AS A LIABILITY; OR

(IV) THE CASH VALUE OF ANY QUALIFIED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS OR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.

(P) “SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANT” MEANS AN APPLICANT FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE WHO SATISFIES AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

(1) LIVED IN AN ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AREA FOR AT LEAST 5 OF THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION;

(2) ATTENDED A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN AN ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AREA FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS;

(3) FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS, ATTENDED A 4-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE WHERE AT LEAST 40% OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTEND THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A PELL GRANT; AND

(4) HAS A PERSONAL NET WORTH THAT DOES NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN THE INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY.

(Q) “SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1E-01 OF THIS TITLE.

(R) “SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1E-01 OF THIS TITLE.



1           (S)    “VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1A-01  
2 OF THIS TITLE.

3           (T)    “VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1A-01  
4 OF THIS TITLE.

5    **9-1F-02.**

6           (A)    (1)   THIS SUBTITLE AUTHORIZES:

7                   (I)    AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE TO CONDUCT AND  
8 OPERATE INTERNET GAMING IN THE STATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE; AND

9                   (II)   AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE TO CONDUCT AND OPERATE  
10 ONLINE BINGO IN THE STATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

11           (2)    AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE  
12 MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UP TO ONE ONLINE GAMING OPERATOR.

13           (B)    EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION  
14 SHALL REGULATE INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO AND THE CONDUCT OF  
15 INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT THE  
16 COMMISSION REGULATES THE OPERATION OF VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS AND  
17 TABLE GAMES UNDER SUBTITLE 1A OF THIS TITLE, MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING  
18 UNDER SUBTITLE 1E OF THIS TITLE, AND ELECTRONIC BINGO MACHINES  
19 CONSISTENT WITH TITLE 12 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

20           (C)    UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, THE REQUIREMENTS  
21 UNDER §§ 9-1A-04, 9-1A-06, 9-1A-07, 9-1A-08, 9-1A-12, 9-1A-14, 9-1A-18,  
22 9-1A-19, 9-1A-20, AND 9-1A-25 OF THIS TITLE APPLY TO THE AUTHORITY, DUTIES,  
23 AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION, AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE, AN  
24 ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE, AND AN EMPLOYEE OR A CONTRACTOR OF AN INTERNET  
25 GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

26           (D)    (1)   THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:

27                   (I)    A PERSON THAT CONDUCTS INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE  
28 BINGO;

29                   (II)   A PERSON THAT CONDUCTS INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE  
30 BINGO ON BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR AN ONLINE BINGO  
31 LICENSEE, INCLUDING AN ONLINE GAMING OPERATOR;

(III) A LIVE STUDIO DEALER, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(IV) A PERSON NOT LICENSED UNDER ITEM (I), (II), OR (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH THAT MANAGES, OPERATES, SUPPLIES, PROVIDES SECURITY FOR, OR PROVIDES SERVICE, MAINTENANCE, OR REPAIRS FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE; AND

(V) AN INDIVIDUAL DIRECTLY EMPLOYED IN THE OPERATION OF INTERNET GAMING BY AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO BY AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT OTHERWISE HOLD A VALID LICENSE UNDER SUBTITLE 1A OF THIS TITLE.

(2) THE COMMISSION MAY BY REGULATION REQUIRE A PERSON THAT CONTRACTS WITH A LICENSEE AND THE PERSON'S EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND ACCOMPLISH THE POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(E) (1) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE TO A PERSON DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OR (IV) OF THIS SECTION IF THE APPLICANT OR ANY OF THE APPLICANT'S AFFILIATES, INCLUDING AN ENTITY UNDER COMMON CONTROL, IS KNOWINGLY ACCEPTING REVENUE THAT IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY DERIVED FROM:

(I) A JURISDICTION ON THE BLACK LIST OF MONEY LAUNDERING COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED BY THE FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE;

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

(III) ILLEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

(2) IF AT ANY TIME DURING THE LICENSURE OF A PERSON DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OR (IV) OF THIS SECTION THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE LICENSE HOLDER OR ANY OF THE LICENSE HOLDER'S AFFILIATES, INCLUDING AN ENTITY UNDER COMMON CONTROL, IS KNOWINGLY ACCEPTING REVENUE THAT IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY DERIVED FROM A JURISDICTION OR ACTIVITY DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY REVOKE THE LICENSE OF THE LICENSE HOLDER IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT, AFTER NOTICE AND

1 OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING, IT WOULD FURTHER THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO  
2 DISCONTINUE THE OPERATIONS OF THE LICENSE HOLDER WITHIN THE STATE.

3 (3) (I) 1. IN THIS PARAGRAPH THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE  
4 THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

5 2. "ILLEGAL INTERACTIVE GAMING MARKET" MEANS A  
6 JURISDICTION IN WHICH INTERACTIVE GAMING IS PROHIBITED BY THE LAWS OF  
7 THAT JURISDICTION.

8 3. "INTERACTIVE GAME CONTENT" MEANS HARDWARE,  
9 SOFTWARE, APPLICATIONS, AND SERVERS USED TO OPERATE, CONDUCT, OR OFFER  
10 INTERACTIVE GAMBLING GAMES.

11 (II) THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE A PERSON DESCRIBED  
12 UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OR (IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON APPLICATION FOR  
13 A LICENSE AND ANNUALLY FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE, TO SUBMIT A  
14 DISCLOSURE STATING THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE APPLICANT OR LICENSE  
15 HOLDER OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE APPLICANT OR LICENSE HOLDER, DURING THE  
16 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY  
17 ACCEPTED REVENUE FROM THE SUPPLY OF INTERACTIVE GAME CONTENT IN AN  
18 ILLEGAL INTERACTIVE GAMING MARKET.

19 (III) A MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION OR OMISSION ON THE  
20 DISCLOSURE REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY, AT  
21 THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSION, RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION  
22 FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR, IN THE CASE OF A LICENSE HOLDER,  
23 DISCIPLINARY ACTION, INCLUDING A SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE  
24 AND PENALTIES FOR OFFICERS OR BOARD MEMBERS OF THE LICENSE HOLDER.

25 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH:

26 (1) THE FORM AND CONTENT OF AN APPLICATION FOR ANY LICENSE  
27 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

28 (2) STANDARDS, PROCEDURES, AND RULES THAT GOVERN THE  
29 CONDUCT AND OPERATION OF INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO; AND

30 (3) ANY OTHER REGULATION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE  
31 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

32 9-1F-03.

(A) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THIS SUBTITLE BE IMPLEMENTED IN A MANNER THAT, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, MAXIMIZES THE ABILITY OF MINORITIES, WOMEN, AND MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THROUGH THE OWNERSHIP OF ENTITIES LICENSED TO CONDUCT INTERNET GAMING.

(B) (1) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE TO:

1. A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR;

2. A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE WHO IS BOTH A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE AND A MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE IF BOTH LICENSES WERE ISSUED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026; AND

3. APPLICANTS THAT:

A. HAVE MAINTAINED THE APPLICANTS' HEADQUARTERS IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS;

B. EMPLOYED ON DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND CONTINUE TO EMPLOY, AT LEAST 250 EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE ON A FULL-TIME OR FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT BASIS;

C. DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, FILED AN APPLICATION OR RENEWAL APPLICATION TO OWN AN EQUITY INTEREST OF AT LEAST 5% IN A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR AND WERE FOUND BY THE COMMISSION TO BE QUALIFIED;

D. AGREE TO OPERATE THE INTERNET GAMING BUSINESS USING A BRAND ASSOCIATED WITH A MARYLAND-BASED APPLICANT, SUBJECT TO WAIVER BY THE COMMISSION AFTER 1 FULL YEAR OF OPERATION; AND

E. COMMIT TO SPEND AT LEAST \$5,000,000 DURING THE INITIAL TERM OF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSE TO BUILD AND OPERATE A LIVE GAMING STUDIO, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE, OR A STUDIO FOR TELEVISION AND FILM PRODUCTIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MARYLAND FILM OFFICE WITHIN THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DIVISION OF TOURISM, FILM, AND THE ARTS.

(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, AN APPLICANT THAT HOLDS MORE THAN ONE LICENSE UNDER

1 SUBTITLE 1A OR SUBTITLE 1E OF THIS TITLE MAY APPLY ONLY FOR A SINGLE  
2 LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

3 (III) 1. THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE TO AN APPLICANT  
4 DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 AND 2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH AN  
5 ADDITIONAL INTERNET GAMING LICENSE IF, AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR A  
6 LICENSE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1 OR 2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE APPLICANT  
7 CONCURRENTLY APPLIES FOR A LICENSE THAT THE APPLICANT AGREES TO  
8 OPERATE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS WHO DEMONSTRATE  
9 DIRECT OR INDIRECT OWNERSHIP OF AT LEAST 33% IN A JOINT VENTURE.

10 2. IF AN APPLICANT APPLIES FOR A LICENSE IN  
11 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE  
12 COMMISSION MAY ISSUE THE APPLICANT AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE THAT THE  
13 APPLICANT MAY OPERATE SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

14 (IV) 1. IF A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR OR SPORTS  
15 WAGERING LICENSEE THAT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE  
16 UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH FAILS TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE  
17 FOR WHICH THE ENTITY IS POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE, INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL  
18 LICENSES DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE  
19 COMMISSION MAY ISSUE THE OTHERWISE AVAILABLE INTERNET GAMING LICENSES  
20 THROUGH TWO COMPETITIVE LICENSING ROUNDS TO APPLICANTS THAT MEET THE  
21 REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

22 2. IN ADDITION TO THE LICENSES DESCRIBED UNDER  
23 SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE FIVE  
24 INTERNET GAMING LICENSES THROUGH TWO COMPETITIVE LICENSING ROUNDS TO  
25 APPLICANTS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE  
26 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

27 3. THE FIRST ROUND OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES  
28 DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL  
29 BE AVAILABLE TO APPLICANTS THAT DEMONSTRATE DIRECT OR INDIRECT  
30 OWNERSHIP OF AT LEAST 33% BY SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS.

31 4. IF ANY LICENSES DESCRIBED UNDER  
32 SUBSUBPARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH REMAIN AVAILABLE AFTER  
33 THE FIRST ROUND OF APPLICATIONS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 3 OF  
34 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE REMAINING LICENSES SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO  
35 APPLICANTS WHO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (V) OF THIS  
36 PARAGRAPH.

1                   **(V) 1. THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO AN**  
2 **APPLICANT DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) 1 AND 2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

3                   **2. THE COMMISSION MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE TO AN**  
4 **APPLICANT THAT HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED DIRECT OR INDIRECT OWNERSHIP OF**  
5 **AT LEAST 5% BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS.**

6                   **3. THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE A LICENSE TO AN**  
7 **APPLICANT THAT, IN LIEU OF THE OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED UNDER**  
8 **SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, HAS ESTABLISHED A**  
9 **PROFIT-SHARING AGREEMENT WITH NONMANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD**  
10 **OTHERWISE QUALIFY AS SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS.**

11                   **(VI) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW EACH APPLICATION FOR**  
12 **AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION TO ENSURE THAT**  
13 **APPLICANTS SATISFY THE SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANT OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**  
14 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.**

15                   **(VII) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FACTORS ESTABLISHED BY THE**  
16 **COMMISSION BY REGULATION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE, THE**  
17 **COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR INTERNET GAMING LICENSES**  
18 **UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BASED ON:**

19                   **1. THE PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP BY INDIVIDUALS**  
20 **WHO ARE SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS;**

21                   **2. THE APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STABILITY,**  
22 **RESOURCES, INTEGRITY, AND BUSINESS ABILITY AND ACUMEN;**

23                   **3. THE APPLICANT'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**  
24 **PLANS FOR INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE;**

25                   **4. THE APPLICANT'S PLANS FOR EMPLOYING**  
26 **INDIVIDUALS IN THE INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY WHO RESIDE IN ECONOMICALLY**  
27 **DISADVANTAGED AREAS; AND**

28                   **5. THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBLE GAMING PROGRAMS**  
29 **AND AN EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM.**

30                   **(2) (I) THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSE**  
31 **TO A COMMERCIAL BINGO OPERATOR.**

1                   **(II) A COMMERCIAL BINGO OPERATOR THAT APPLIES FOR AN**  
2 **ONLINE BINGO LICENSE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT APPLY FOR AN**  
3 **INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

4                   **(III) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW EACH APPLICATION FOR**  
5 **AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH**  
6 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

7                   **(3) (I) THE COMMISSION MAY CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT TO**  
8 **ASSIST THE COMMISSION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNET GAMING**  
9 **LICENSE APPLICATION AND THE REVIEW OF APPLICANTS.**

10                   **(II) AS PART OF THE REVIEW OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN**  
11 **INTERNET GAMING LICENSE, THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE**  
12 **ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO THE APPLICANT SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST.**

13                   **(4) (I) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
14 **PARAGRAPH, THE INITIAL LICENSE FEE FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE IS**  
15 **EQUAL TO:**

16                               **A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM B OF THIS**  
17 **SUBSUBPARAGRAPH, \$1,000,000; OR**

18                               **B. \$500,000 IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE**  
19 **AGREES WITH THE COMMISSION TO OFFER ONLY LIVE DEALER GAMES CONDUCTED**  
20 **BY THE LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

21                               **2. THE INITIAL LICENSE FEE FOR AN ONLINE BINGO**  
22 **LICENSE IS EQUAL TO \$500,000.**

23                   **(II) 1. IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, “MAJOR MINORITY-OWNED**  
24 **APPLICANT OR JOINT VENTURE APPLICANT” MEANS AN APPLICANT FOR AN**  
25 **INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IN WHICH:**

26                               **A. ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SOCIAL EQUITY**  
27 **APPLICANTS OR ENTITIES CERTIFIED AS MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES UNDER**  
28 **TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE**  
29 **DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OWN AT LEAST 51% OF THE EQUITY INTERESTS IN THE**  
30 **APPLICANT; OR**

31                               **B. IN THE CASE OF A JOINT VENTURE, ONE OR MORE**  
32 **ENTITIES DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM A OF THIS SUBSUBPARAGRAPH DIRECTLY OR**  
33 **INDIRECTLY OWN AT LEAST 51% OF THE EQUITY INTERESTS IN THE JOINT VENTURE.**

1                               **2. THE INITIAL LICENSE FEE FOR AN INTERNET GAMING**  
2 **LICENSE ISSUED TO A MAJOR MINORITY-OWNED APPLICANT OR JOINT VENTURE**  
3 **APPLICANT SHALL BE:**

4                               **A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM B OF THIS**  
5 **SUBSUBPARAGRAPH, \$500,000; OR**

6                               **B. \$250,000, IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE**  
7 **AGREES WITH THE COMMISSION TO OFFER ONLY LIVE DEALER GAMES CONDUCTED**  
8 **BY THE LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

9                               **3. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO:**

10                              **A. ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR**  
11 **DETERMINING WHETHER AN APPLICANT QUALIFIES AS A MAJOR MINORITY-OWNED**  
12 **APPLICANT OR JOINT VENTURE APPLICANT UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; AND**

13                              **B. ENSURE THAT THE REDUCED LICENSE FEE PROVIDED**  
14 **UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH IS AVAILABLE ONLY TO**  
15 **APPLICANTS THAT MAINTAIN THE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE REQUIRED FOR AT**  
16 **LEAST THE INITIAL TERM OF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSE.**

17                              **(III) THE COMMISSION MAY AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE**  
18 **FEE REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN**  
19 **SEPARATE INSTALLMENTS.**

20                              **(IV) THE TERM OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE AND AN**  
21 **ONLINE BINGO LICENSE IS 5 YEARS.**

22                              **(5) (I) ON APPLICATION BY AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR**  
23 **AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE AND PAYMENT OF A LICENSE RENEWAL FEE UNDER**  
24 **SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL RENEW FOR 5**  
25 **YEARS AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSE IF THE LICENSEE**  
26 **COMPLIES WITH ALL STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.**

27                              **(II) THE LICENSE RENEWAL FEE IS EQUAL TO:**

28                              **1. IN THE CASE OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE, 1%**  
29 **OF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S AVERAGE ANNUAL PROCEEDS RETAINED BY**  
30 **THE LICENSEE UNDER § 9-1F-05(B)(1)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE PRECEDING**  
31 **3-YEAR PERIOD; OR**



1                   **2. IN THE CASE OF AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSE, 1% OF**  
2 **THE ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE'S AVERAGE ANNUAL BINGO PROCEEDS RETAINED BY**  
3 **THE LICENSEE UNDER § 9-1F-05(C)(1)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE PRECEDING**  
4 **3-YEAR PERIOD.**

5           **(C) ON A PROPERLY APPROVED TRANSMITTAL PREPARED BY THE**  
6 **COMMISSION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FROM**  
7 **THE LICENSE FEES COLLECTED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SECTION:**

8                   **(1) AN AMOUNT TO THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL**  
9 **AGENCY NECESSARY TO REIMBURSE THE AGENCY FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE**  
10 **ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES UNDER THIS SECTION;**

11                   **(2) 1% TO THE PROBLEM GAMBLING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER §**  
12 **9-1A-33 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

13                   **(3) THE REMAINDER TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE**  
14 **FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-206 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

15           **(D) FOR ALL LICENSES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND § 9-1F-02 OF**  
16 **THIS SUBTITLE FOR AN ONLINE GAMING OPERATOR, IF AN APPLICANT HOLDS A**  
17 **VALID GAMING OR GAMING OPERATION LICENSE IN THIS STATE OR AT LEAST THREE**  
18 **OTHER STATES AND THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE LICENSING**  
19 **STANDARDS OF THE ISSUING AGENCY ARE COMPREHENSIVE AND THOROUGH AND**  
20 **PROVIDE SIMILAR AND ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS TO THOSE PROVIDED IN THIS**  
21 **SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY:**

22                   **(1) WAIVE SOME OR ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION;**  
23 **AND**

24                   **(2) ISSUE A LICENSE TO THAT APPLICANT.**

25           **(E) (1) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF AN INTERNET GAMING**  
26 **LICENSE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSE, THE LICENSEE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE**  
27 **COMMISSION A DIVERSITY PLAN THAT DESCRIBES THE STEPS THAT THE LICENSEE**  
28 **WILL TAKE TO PROMOTE MEANINGFUL DIVERSITY AMONG ITS OWNERS, INVESTORS,**  
29 **MANAGERS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONTRACTORS AND TO PROMOTE EQUALITY OF**  
30 **OPPORTUNITY.**

31                   **(2) EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE AND ONLINE BINGO**  
32 **LICENSEE SHALL MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO MEET THE DIVERSITY OBJECTIVES**  
33 **OUTLINED IN THE DIVERSITY PLAN SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
34 **SUBSECTION AND REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ANY NECESSARY METRICS TO**  
35 **MEASURE PROGRESS IN MEETING THOSE OBJECTIVES.**

1           **(3) THE COMMISSION MAY MAKE THE DIVERSITY PLANS AND**  
2 **METRICS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE TO THE**  
3 **PUBLIC.**

4           **(F) (1) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE**  
5 **MAY NOT TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF THE LICENSE FOR A PERIOD OF**  
6 **AT LEAST 3 YEARS FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE.**

7           **(2) THE LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY TO**  
8 **TRANSFERS AS A RESULT OF THE DISABILITY, INCAPACITY, OR DEATH OF THE**  
9 **OWNER OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSE,**  
10 **BANKRUPTCY OR RECEIVERSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LENDING AGREEMENT OF**  
11 **AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE, OR COURT ORDER.**

12 **9-1F-04.**

13           **(A) EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE AND ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE:**

14           **(1) SHALL:**

15                   **(I) COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL DATA PRIVACY AND**  
16 **SECURITY LAWS;**

17                   **(II) MAINTAIN ALL INTERNET GAMING DATA AND ONLINE BINGO**  
18 **DATA SECURELY FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS;**

19                   **(III) AUTHORIZE ONLY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT LEAST 21**  
20 **YEARS OF AGE TO ENGAGE IN INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO; AND**

21                   **(IV) VERIFY AN INDIVIDUAL'S AGE AND IDENTITY AT THE TIME**  
22 **THE INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHES AN INTERNET GAMING ACCOUNT OR ONLINE BINGO**  
23 **ACCOUNT AND PERIODICALLY REVERIFY THE INDIVIDUAL'S IDENTITY; AND**

24           **(2) MAY NOT:**

25                   **(I) SHARE ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION**  
26 **WITH ANY THIRD PARTIES WITHOUT PERMISSION, EXCEPT AS NEEDED TO OPERATE**  
27 **INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO, ADMINISTER THE LICENSEE'S OBLIGATIONS**  
28 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, AND SUPPORT PROBLEM GAMBLING INITIATIVES;**

29                   **(II) TARGET ADVERTISING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE**  
30 **PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING IN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS TITLE**  
31 **AND OTHER AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS; OR**

**(III) ENGAGE IN ANY FALSE OR DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING.**

**(B) (1) THE FINDINGS AND EVIDENCE RELIED ON BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE ARE INCORPORATED IN THIS SUBSECTION.**

**(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE STATE'S MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.**

**(3) (I) WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE, SHALL ESTABLISH A CLEAR PLAN FOR SETTING REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOALS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES RELATED TO INTERNET GAMING.**

**(II) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE GOALS AND PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE AND THE REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THAT SUBTITLE.**

**(C) AN APPLICANT FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE, AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE, OR AN ENTITY THAT OPERATES A LIVE DEALER STUDIO ON BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL PRODUCE INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION, AND ASSURANCES TO ESTABLISH BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT:**

**(1) UNLESS THE APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR LIVE DEALER STUDIO OPERATOR ALREADY HAS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, THE APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR LIVE DEALER STUDIO OPERATOR HAS ENTERED INTO A LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT WITH EACH LABOR ORGANIZATION THAT IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN REPRESENTING OR ATTEMPTING TO REPRESENT INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY WORKERS IN THE STATE, INCLUDING DEALERS CONDUCTING LIVE DEALER GAMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

**(2) THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT IS VALID AND ENFORCEABLE UNDER 29 U.S.C. § 158;**

(3) THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT PROTECTS THE STATE'S REVENUES BY PROHIBITING THE LABOR ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS FROM ENGAGING IN PICKETING, WORK STOPPAGES, BOYCOTTS, AND ANY OTHER ECONOMIC INTERFERENCE WITH THE OPERATION OF INTERNET GAMING WITHIN THE FIRST 5 YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE; AND

(4) THE APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR LIVE DEALER STUDIO OPERATOR INTENDS TO MAINTAIN A NEUTRAL POSITION ON THE UNIONIZATION OF ANY EMPLOYEES OF THE APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR OPERATOR, INCLUDING BY REFRAINING FROM MAKING ANY STATEMENT OR IMPLICATION THAT THE APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR OPERATOR:

(I) OPPOSES THE SELECTION OR DESELECTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGENT; OR

(II) SUPPORTS OR OPPOSES THE SELECTION OF A PARTICULAR LABOR ORGANIZATION AS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGENT.

**9-1F-05.**

(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ACCOUNT TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR ALL OF THE REVENUE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE GAMING PROCEEDS FROM INTERNET GAMING, LESS THE AMOUNT RETAINED BY THE LICENSEE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMPTROLLER AND DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(3) THE BINGO PROCEEDS FROM ONLINE BINGO, LESS THE AMOUNT RETAINED BY THE LICENSEE UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMPTROLLER AND DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(B) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, ALL GAMING PROCEEDS FROM INTERNET GAMING SHALL BE ELECTRONICALLY TRANSFERRED DAILY INTO THE STATE LOTTERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE.

(II) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN:

1. 80% OF THE GAMING PROCEEDS FROM LIVE DEALER GAMES CONDUCTED BY THE LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

1                               **2.     60% OF THE GAMING PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE**  
2 **LICENSEE FROM ALL OTHER INTERNET GAMING.**

3                               **(2)    ALL GAMING PROCEEDS FROM INTERNET GAMING IN THE STATE**  
4 **LOTTERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE**  
5 **DISTRIBUTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS, ON A PROPERLY APPROVED TRANSMITTAL**  
6 **PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:**

7                               **(I)     FOR THE FIRST 12 MONTHS THAT INTERNET GAMING IS IN**  
8 **OPERATION IN THE STATE, UP TO \$10,000,000 TO THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY**  
9 **EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1F-13 OF THIS**  
10 **SUBTITLE;**

11                              **(II)    TO JURISDICTIONS WITH VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES**  
12 **BASED ON EACH JURISDICTION'S PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL GROSS REVENUES**  
13 **FROM VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER §**  
14 **9-1A-31(B) OF THIS TITLE:**

- 15                              1.     **\$6,500,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028;**
- 16                              2.     **\$8,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2029;**
- 17                              3.     **\$10,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2030;**
- 18                              4.     **\$11,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2031; AND**
- 19                              5.     **\$11,400,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2032;**

20                              **(III) TO THE PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED**  
21 **UNDER § 9-1A-28 OF THIS TITLE:**

- 22                              1.     **\$4,900,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028;**
- 23                              2.     **\$6,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2029;**
- 24                              3.     **\$7,600,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2030;**
- 25                              4.     **\$8,600,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2031; AND**
- 26                              5.     **\$8,700,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2032;**

27                              **(IV) TO THE RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT**  
28 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1A-29 OF THIS TITLE:**

1. **\$900,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028;**
2. **\$1,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2029;**
3. **\$1,200,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2030; AND**
4. **\$700,000 IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2031 AND 2032;**

(V) TO THE SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-1501 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE:

1. **\$1,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028;**
2. **\$1,600,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2029;**
3. **\$1,900,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2030; AND**
4. **\$2,200,000 IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2031 AND 2032;**

(VI) 1% OF ALL GAMING PROCEEDS TO THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY FOR THE COST OF PERFORMING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITIES;

(VII) 1% OF ALL GAMING PROCEEDS TO THE PROBLEM GAMBLING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1A-33 OF THIS TITLE;

(VIII) 5% OF ALL GAMING PROCEEDS TO COUNTY GOVERNING BODIES, DISTRIBUTED TO EACH COUNTY BASED ON THE COUNTY'S CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ENROLLMENT COUNT, AS DEFINED IN § 5-201 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, TO BE USED TO ASSIST COUNTIES IN MEETING THEIR EDUCATION FUNDING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 5-235(A) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE; AND

(IX) THE REMAINDER TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-206 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(C) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, ALL BINGO PROCEEDS FROM ONLINE BINGO SHALL BE ELECTRONICALLY TRANSFERRED DAILY INTO THE STATE LOTTERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE.

(II) AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN 60% OF THE BINGO PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE LICENSEE FROM ONLINE BINGO.

1           **(2) ALL BINGO PROCEEDS FROM ONLINE BINGO IN THE STATE**  
2 **LOTTERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE**  
3 **DISTRIBUTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS, ON A PROPERLY APPROVED TRANSMITTAL**  
4 **PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:**

5                   **(I) 1% OF ALL BINGO PROCEEDS TO THE STATE LOTTERY AND**  
6 **GAMING CONTROL AGENCY FOR THE COST OF PERFORMING BACKGROUND**  
7 **INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITIES;**

8                   **(II) 1% OF ALL BINGO PROCEEDS TO THE PROBLEM GAMBLING**  
9 **FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1A-33 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

10                   **(III) THE REMAINDER TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S**  
11 **FUTURE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-206 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

12 **9-1F-06.**

13           **(A) IN ORDER TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE A GAMBLING**  
14 **PROBLEM, EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE AND ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE**  
15 **SHALL:**

16                   **(1) CAUSE THE WORDS "IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A**  
17 **GAMBLING PROBLEM AND WANTS HELP, CALL 1-800-GAMBLER" OR SOME**  
18 **COMPARABLE LANGUAGE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION TO BE DISPLAYED**  
19 **PROMINENTLY AT LOG-ON AND LOG-OFF TIMES TO ANY INDIVIDUAL VISITING OR**  
20 **LOGGED ONTO AN INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO PLATFORM;**

21                   **(2) REQUIRE AN INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO ACCOUNT**  
22 **HOLDER TO ESTABLISH A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY DEPOSITED WITHIN A**  
23 **SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME AND THE LENGTH OF TIME THE ACCOUNT HOLDER WILL**  
24 **BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO AND MAKE**  
25 **ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS IF THE ACCOUNT HOLDER REACHES THE ESTABLISHED**  
26 **DEPOSIT LIMIT;**

27                   **(3) PROVIDE A MECHANISM BY WHICH AN INTERNET GAMING OR**  
28 **ONLINE BINGO ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF**  
29 **INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO ACTIVITY THROUGH THE ACCOUNT FOR ANY**  
30 **NUMBER OF HOURS OR DAYS;**

31                   **(4) PROHIBIT THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS FOR ANY INTERNET**  
32 **GAMING-RELATED OR ONLINE BINGO-RELATED TRANSACTIONS; AND**

1           **(5) (I) CAUSE THE DISPLAY OF A PROBLEM GAMBLING**  
2 **DISCLOSURE CONCERNING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH GAMBLING AND THE**  
3 **SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO PROBLEM GAMBLERS AT ACCOUNT LOGIN;**

4           **(II) REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO CERTIFY THAT THE**  
5 **INDIVIDUAL HAS READ THE DISCLOSURE DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM**  
6 **BEFORE ESTABLISHING AN INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO ACCOUNT; AND**

7           **(III) REQUIRE EACH USER TO CERTIFY ON A MONTHLY BASIS**  
8 **THAT THE USER HAS READ THE DISCLOSURE DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS**  
9 **ITEM.**

10          **(B) IF A SUSPENSION OF INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO ACTIVITY**  
11 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION IS IMPOSED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER**  
12 **FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS, THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO**  
13 **LICENSEE MAY NOT SEND GAMING-RELATED E-MAIL TO THE ACCOUNT HOLDER**  
14 **UNTIL THE SUSPENSION EXPIRES.**

15          **(C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**  
16 **EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE AND ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE SHALL PROVIDE**  
17 **A MECHANISM BY WHICH AN ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY PERIODICALLY CHANGE THE**  
18 **CONTROLS ON GAMING ACTIVITY IMPOSED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER UNDER THIS**  
19 **SECTION.**

20          **(2) IF THE ACCOUNT IS SUSPENDED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER**  
21 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY NOT**  
22 **CHANGE GAMING CONTROLS UNTIL THE SUSPENSION EXPIRES.**

23          **(3) IF AN ACCOUNT HOLDER SEEKS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT ON THE**  
24 **AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY DEPOSIT WITHIN A PERIOD**  
25 **OF TIME SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE INTERNET**  
26 **GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE MAY NOT REFLECT THE INCREASED**  
27 **LIMIT FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS.**

28          **(D) NOTWITHSTANDING A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF INTERNET GAMING**  
29 **OR ONLINE BINGO ACTIVITY IMPOSED BY AN ACCOUNT HOLDER UNDER SUBSECTION**  
30 **(A)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS**  
31 **TO THE ACCOUNT AND IS AUTHORIZED TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM THE ACCOUNT**  
32 **ON PROPER APPLICATION TO THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO**  
33 **LICENSEE.**

34          **(E) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ARE**  
35 **INTENDED TO REDUCE OR MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF PROBLEM GAMBLING.**



**(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL:**

**(I) INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WITH GAMBLING PROBLEMS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO ACTIVITY LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

**(II) PROVIDE A SIMPLE MECHANISM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SOBER AND INFORMED TO REQUEST PLACEMENT ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME.**

**(3) UNLESS AN INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST AFFIRMATIVELY DECLINES THE PROVISION OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE MARYLAND CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUAL'S CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE CENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION ABOUT FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING ASSISTANCE.**

**(4) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE:**

**(I) MAY NOT PERMIT AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNET GAMING ACCOUNT OR ONLINE BINGO ACCOUNT OR ENGAGE IN INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO; AND**

**(II) MAY PERMIT AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST WHO PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED AN INTERNET GAMING ACCOUNT OR ONLINE BINGO ACCOUNT TO ACCESS THE ACCOUNT ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF VIEWING AND DOWNLOADING THE INDIVIDUAL'S TRANSACTION HISTORY.**

**(5) THE COMMISSION MAY IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON A LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE IF THE LICENSEE KNOWINGLY FAILS TO EXCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST FROM ENGAGING IN INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO.**

**(F) AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR, EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE AND ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON:**

**(1) THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE HAS IDENTIFIED AS ENGAGING IN ERRATIC OR INCREASED GAMBLING BEHAVIOR; AND**

**(2) THE NUMBER AND LENGTH OF ANY BANS OR SUSPENSIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE BEHAVIOR DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

**9-1F-07.**

**(A) THE COMMISSION MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000,000 AGAINST ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY:**

**(1) TAMPERS WITH SOFTWARE, COMPUTERS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT USED TO CONDUCT INTERNET GAMING OR ONLINE BINGO TO ALTER THE ODDS OR THE PAYOUT OF A GAME OR DISABLE THE GAME FROM OPERATING ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF THE GAME AS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION; OR**

**(2) OFFERS OR ALLOWS TO BE OFFERED ANY INTERNET GAME OR ONLINE BINGO THAT HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH IN A WAY THAT AFFECTS THE ODDS OR THE PAYOUT OF A GAME OR HAS BEEN DISABLED FROM OPERATING ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF THE GAME AS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.**

**(B) IN ADDITION TO ANY PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND, FOR NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS, THE LICENSE OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE, AN ONLINE BINGO LICENSEE, OR ANY OTHER PERSON REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE WHO IS IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

**9-1F-08.**

**ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE MARYLAND CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:**

**(1) THE IMPACT OF INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO ON PROBLEM GAMBLERS AND GAMBLING ADDICTION IN THE STATE; AND**

**(2) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY CONTROLS IN PLACE TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURES TO PROTECT VULNERABLE AND PROBLEM GAMBLERS.**

**9-1F-09.**

**(A) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL PROVIDE ALL TRANSACTIONAL DATA AND METRICS RELATED TO INTERNET GAMING CONDUCTED IN THE STATE AND ACQUIRED BY AN OPERATOR OF THE LICENSEE ON A MONTHLY, QUARTERLY, OR ANNUAL BASIS TO MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY.**

1           **(B) THE TRANSACTIONAL DATA AND METRICS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE**  
2 **WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL EXCLUDE ANY PERSONALLY**  
3 **IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.**

4 **9-1F-10.**

5           **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
6 **INDICATED.**

7                   **(2) “AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME” MEANS ANY**  
8 **INTERNET-BASED VERSION, OR SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT, OF A TABLE GAME,**  
9 **POKER TOURNAMENT, GAMING TOURNAMENT, OR ANY OTHER GAME TYPICALLY**  
10 **OFFERED IN A CASINO AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING GAMES IN**  
11 **WHICH INDIVIDUALS WAGER MONEY OR SOMETHING OF MONETARY VALUE AND**  
12 **THAT ARE ACCESSED BY A COMPUTER OR MOBILE DEVICE THAT IS CONNECTED TO**  
13 **THE INTERNET.**

14                   **(3) (I) “LIVE DEALER GAME” MEANS AN AUTHORIZED**  
15 **INTERACTIVE GAME CONDUCTED BY LIVE STUDIO DEALERS OR OTHER PHYSICAL**  
16 **GAMING EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS AN AUTOMATED ROULETTE WHEEL, BALL BLOWER,**  
17 **OR GAMING DEVICE, OR BOTH, IN A LIVE GAME ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE**  
18 **AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS HAVE THE ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN GAMEPLAY AND**  
19 **COMMUNICATE GAME DECISIONS THROUGH AN AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAMING**  
20 **PLATFORM.**

21                   **(II) “LIVE DEALER GAME” INCLUDES A LIVE CARD GAME, A LIVE**  
22 **TABLE GAME, AND ANY OTHER LIVE AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME.**

23                   **(4) “LIVE GAMING STUDIO” MEANS A PHYSICAL LOCATION IN THE**  
24 **STATE THAT UTILIZES LIVE VIDEO STREAMING TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE**  
25 **AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAMES TO A PLAYER’S INTERACTIVE GAMING DEVICE OR**  
26 **MULTI-USE COMPUTING DEVICE.**

27                   **(5) “LIVE STUDIO DEALER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:**

28                   **(I) LEADS A TABLE GAME, INCLUDING BLACKJACK, CRAPS,**  
29 **POKER, ROULETTE, OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME, WHILE**  
30 **ASSISTING AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS WITH GAME-RELATED NEEDS;**

31                   **(II) DISTRIBUTES VIRTUAL CARDS, DICE, OR OTHER**  
32 **EQUIPMENT TO AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS ACCORDING TO THE TABLE GAME OR**  
33 **AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME; AND**

34                   **(III) MONITORS GAME PACE AND PLAY.**

(B) SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION, AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE MAY OFFER AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAMES, INCLUDING GAMING TOURNAMENTS IN WHICH PLAYERS COMPETE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER IN ONE OR MORE OF THE GAMES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR BY THE COMMISSION OR IN APPROVED VARIATIONS OR COMPOSITES OF THOSE GAMES.

(C) AN ONLINE GAMING OPERATOR THAT CONDUCTS AND OPERATES INTERNET GAMING ON BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE MAY USE LIVE STUDIO DEALERS TO ADMINISTER AN AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME.

(D) A LIVE GAMING STUDIO USED TO CONDUCT A LIVE DEALER GAME AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE; AND

(2) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE IS A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR, SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY WITHIN WHICH THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY IS LOCATED.

9-1F-11.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "GOVERNMENT" MEANS ANY GOVERNMENTAL UNIT, OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, OF A NATIONAL, STATE, OR LOCAL BODY EXERCISING GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS.

(B) ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE, IS AUTHORIZED TO:

(1) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SECTION, THAT ALLOWS AND PROVIDES FOR PARTICIPATION IN MULTIJURISDICTIONAL INTERNET GAMING BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN JURISDICTIONS OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE A PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT EXERCISE LEGAL AUTHORITY; AND

(2) TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENSURE THAT ANY AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER THIS SECTION BECOMES EFFECTIVE.

(C) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION THAT PROVIDE FOR:

(1) THE FORM, LENGTH, AND TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION;

1           **(2) MATTERS RELATING TO THE TAXATION OF INTERNET GAMING**  
2 **REVENUE BY THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;**

3           **(3) THE SHARING AND DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNET GAMING**  
4 **REVENUE AMONG THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;**

5           **(4) RESOLUTION OF PLAYER DISPUTES;**

6           **(5) THE INFORMATION THAT A GOVERNMENT PROPOSING TO ENTER**  
7 **INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE MUST PROVIDE TO THE COMMISSION;**

8           **(6) THE MANNER AND PROCEDURE FOR HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY**  
9 **THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS**  
10 **SECTION;**

11           **(7) THE INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE TO**  
12 **THE GOVERNOR THAT SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION**  
13 **MADE UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

14           **(8) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

15           **(D) THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT UNDER THIS**  
16 **SECTION UNLESS THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES TERMS:**

17           **(1) FOR ANY POTENTIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SHARING OF**  
18 **REVENUES BY THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;**

19           **(2) PERMITTING THE EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF INTERNET GAMING**  
20 **BY THE STATE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO LICENSING, TECHNICAL**  
21 **STANDARDS TO BE FOLLOWED, RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES BY PATRONS,**  
22 **REQUIREMENTS FOR BANKROLLS, ENFORCEMENT, ACCOUNTING, AND**  
23 **MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS;**

24           **(3) BY WHICH EACH PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT AGREES TO PROHIBIT**  
25 **OPERATORS OF INTERNET GAMING, SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND MANUFACTURERS OR**  
26 **DISTRIBUTORS OF INTERNET GAMING SYSTEMS FROM ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITY**  
27 **PERMITTED UNDER THE AGREEMENT UNLESS THOSE PERSONS ARE LICENSED OR**  
28 **FOUND SUITABLE:**

29           **(I) UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; OR**

(II) BY ANY OTHER PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT UNDER REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE MATERIALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(4) PROHIBITING VARIATION OR DEROGATION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT FOR ANY PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT ABSENT THE CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;

(5) PROHIBITING ANY SUBORDINATE OR SIDE AGREEMENTS, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO SHARING OF REVENUES, AMONG ANY SUBSET OF THE GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT; AND

(6) IF THE AGREEMENT ALLOWS PERSONS PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNET GAMING CONDUCTED BY ANOTHER PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT OR AN OPERATOR OF INTERNET GAMING LICENSED BY THE OTHER PARTY, REQUIRING THAT PARTY TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING INTERNET GAMING THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE IN ALL MATERIAL RESPECTS.

**9-1F-12.**

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

(1) THE OPERATION OF INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO IN THE STATE; AND

(2) THE IMPACT OF INTERNET GAMING AND ONLINE BINGO ON VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES, OTHER GAMING VENUES, AND ANCILLARY BUSINESSES THAT SURROUND THOSE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES AND GAMING VENUES.

**9-1F-13.**

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND.

(B) THERE IS A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO SUPPORT VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING.

(D) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE

1   **FUND.**

2           **(E)   (1)   THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**  
3   **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

4           **(2)   THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,**  
5   **AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

6           **(F)   THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

7                   **(1)   REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 9-1F-05(B)(2)(I)**  
8   **OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

9                   **(2)   MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND**

10                  **(3)   ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR**  
11   **THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

12           **(G)   THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY:**

13                   **(1)   FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES RELATED TO ADMINISTRATION**  
14   **OF THE FUND;**

15                   **(2)   FOR GRANTS TO FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES**  
16   **DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING TO OFFSET ANY**  
17   **REDUCTION IN THE TAKE-HOME PAY OF THE FORMER EMPLOYEES;**

18                   **(3)   TO SUPPLEMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENTS**  
19   **RECEIVED BY FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY THE**  
20   **IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING;**

21                   **(4)   TO ESTABLISH JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FORMER VIDEO**  
22   **LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**  
23   **INTERNET GAMING; AND**

24                   **(5)   FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE MARYLAND**  
25   **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO ASSIST FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES**  
26   **DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING.**

27           **(H)   (1)   THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND**  
28   **IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

1                   **(2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO**  
2 **THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

3                   **(I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE**  
4 **WITH THE STATE BUDGET.**

5                   **(J) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS**  
6 **TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 5–235(a) of the Education  
8 Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, may not be construed to reduce overall funding  
9 appropriated by a county governing body based on that section of law as it existed before  
10 the enactment of this Act.

11           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

12           (a) In accordance with Article XIX, § 1(e) of the Maryland Constitution, before  
13 this Act, which authorizes additional forms or expansion of commercial gaming, becomes  
14 effective, a question substantially similar to the following shall be submitted to a  
15 referendum of the qualified voters of the State at the general election to be held in  
16 November 2026:

17           “Do you favor the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland to  
18 authorize Internet gaming and online bingo for the primary purpose of raising revenue for  
19 education?”

20           (b) The State Board of Elections shall do those things necessary and proper to  
21 provide for and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of the votes cast  
22 on the question are “For the referred law”, this Act shall become effective on the 30th day  
23 following the official canvass of votes for the referendum, but if a majority of the votes cast  
24 on the question are “Against the referred law”, this Act, with no further action required by  
25 the General Assembly, shall be null and void.

26           SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of  
27 Section 3 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required by  
28 Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.