



**House Ways and Means Committee  
April 1, 2021**

**Senate Bill 45  
Use of Gaming Proceeds – Studies**

**Support**

NCADD-Maryland supports Senate Bill 45. Throughout Maryland's continual expansion of legalized gambling, NCADD-Maryland has worked with the General Assembly to ensure measures have been put into place to prevent and treat problem gambling. This has included attaching certain fees to gambling devices and activities that contribute to the State's Problem Gambling Fund.

Senate Bill 45 directs the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling within the University of Maryland School of Medicine, along with the Behavioral Health Administration within the Maryland Department of Health, and the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, to study the use of the Problem Gambling Fund. These organizations are to report to the General Assembly how the money is expended, where services have been established, and the effectiveness of the Fund.

We urge your support of Senate Bill 45 so there can be a full accounting for the spending of the Problem Gambling Fund and recommendations can be made on how to use the funds as effectively and efficiently as possible.

*The Maryland Affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD-Maryland) is a statewide organization that works to influence public and private policies on addiction, treatment, and recovery, reduce the stigma associated with the disease, and improve the understanding of addictions and the recovery process. We advocate for and with individuals and families who are affected by alcoholism and drug addiction.*