



**CASINO TESTIMONY
IN SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
SB790/HB995 (Commercial Law – Health Data Privacy)**

Maryland’s casinos support SB790/HB995 (Commercial Law – Health Data Privacy) with amendment.

The Maryland Lottery & Gaming Control Agency has established a comprehensive regulatory framework to protect the state’s interests in commercial gaming and ensure both the casino operator and casino patrons comply with the state’s laws and standards.

SB790/HB995 as introduced appropriately exempts the collection, use, disclosure, redisclosure and dissemination of biometric data for fraud prevention or security purposes from the consumer consent requirement under §14-502(b), provided that written notice is given at each point of entry. The casinos request that the bill be amended to provide that the consumer rights created by the bill (including rights to have the data deleted, to opt out of disclosure, and to withdraw consent) under §§14-503 and 14-504 do not apply to the collection, disclosure, redisclosure, or dissemination of biometric data in accordance with §14-502(b) as follows:

On page 7, in line 8, insert “(A)” before “A CONSUMER”; after line 14, insert: “(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE COLLECTION, USE, DISCLOSURE, REDISCLOSURE OR DISSEMINATION OF BIOMETRIC DATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH §14-4502(B)(1).”

On page 8, after lines 6 and 17, insert: “(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE COLLECTION, USE, DISCLOSURE, REDISCLOSURE OR DISSEMINATION OF BIOMETRIC DATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH §14-4502(B)(1).”

Without these clarifications, the bill could jeopardize a casino’s ability to collect and use biometric data to prevent fraud, theft and other illicit activities.