

THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401 ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

Senator Guy Guzzone Chairman Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

RE: HB 263- St. Mary's County- Gaming- Devices and Events – FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

Chairman Guzzone and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present HB 263- St. Mary's County- Gaming- Devices and Events, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Delegation.

This bill amends Title 13, Subtitle 21, Section 1 of the Maryland Annotated Code Criminal Law Article by adding language to the definition of "gaming device" and "gaming event", adding a new definition of "senior activity center," and creating a new Section 2116 to allow for card games under a certain dollar amount to be played in qualifying senior activity centers. The legislation limits each prize to not more than \$50 to an individual per session, as well as imposed a \$25 entry fee per session. Funds remaining shall be used to support future programs at the Senior Center.

The **legislation with the amendment** is unanimously supported by the St. Mary's County Delegation, as well as the St. Mary's County Commissioners.

We ask that HB 263 be given a Favorable report. Sincerely,

Chair

St. Mary's County Delegation