



Maryland House of Delegates
Ways and Means Committee
Taylor House Office Building

Dear Honorable Members of the Ways & Means Committee,

I'm writing to request your support of HB 1277, as amended, a bill introduced by the Frederick County Delegation. The bill would allow for electronic tip jar gaming machines currently authorized in other jurisdictions to be placed in Frederick County, and describes the authorization by the County government for their placement and usage.

Given the proximity of legal gaming options in nearby states, allowing electronic tip jar machines in Frederick County just makes sense. Further, the State of Maryland has already authorized OTB and sports book operations in Frederick County, so the infrastructure and regulatory regimen already exist in at least one location.

The Frederick County Chamber of Commerce supports the work of our Legislative Delegation and asks for the Committee's support of this local bill.

Sincerely & respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard B. Weldon, Jr.', is written over the typed name.

Richard B. Weldon, Jr.
President & CEO
Frederick County Chamber of Commerce