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## THE SENATE OF MARYLAND ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

## TESTIMONY – SENATE BILL 730 GAMING – CHARLES COUNTY GAMING PERMIT REVIEW BOARD REPEAL

## BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 25, 2025

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Fellow Committee Members:

Senate Bill 730 is a Charles County local bill that repeals the Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board and transfers its responsibilities to the Charles County Attorney.

The Charles County Gaming Permit Review Board is currently tasked with reviewing permit applications for gaming events with prizes valued greater than \$1,000 that use a gaming device to conduct the event.

Due to the highly specific nature of the work with which this board is tasked, its utility can be best maximized with this switch. This legislation simply shifts its duties to the Charles County Attorney and comes with the support of the Charles County Commissioners as well as the Charles County Senate and House Delegations.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 730.