



**Senate Budget & Tax Committee  
March 24, 2026**

**House Bill 518 - Gaming - Problem Gambling and College Athlete  
Protections**

**Support as Amended**

The Maryland Chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence supports House Bill 518. We support the requirement proposed in the bill for the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to provide contact information of individuals that request to be placed on the voluntary exclusion list to the Maryland Center for Excellence on Problem Gambling. This means a person would automatically be contacted by a Peer Recovery Support Specialist, a person with lived experience who is in active recovery from gambling addiction and has been certified as a peer. Peer support is an effective, evidence-based practice that supports each a person's chances of success in meeting and exceeding their goals.

We urge a favorable report on House Bill 518.