



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**Sponsor Testimony - Request for Favorable Recommendation  
HB 195 - State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission - Authority to  
Conduct Studies on the Use of Emerging Technology – Collaboration and the  
Workgroup on Gambling Prevention Technology**

Greetings Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

**Bill Summary:**

HB 195 establishes a workgroup on Gambling Prevention Technology within the Maryland Lottery and Gaming commission and expands collaboration with the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling to study the use of technologies to *protect customers*, including *advanced cybersecurity measures*, *AI to detect problem gambling*, and *leveraging digital identity verification* to prevent fraud and underage access. The Center will work with certain local universities to study how technology can be deployed to address gambling prevention on college campuses.

**The Problem:**

According to the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling, a part of the University Maryland School of Medicine, its helpline has been receiving more calls from young adults ages 18-24 in recent years. Additionally, 41% of college students who bet on sports have placed a bet on their school's teams and 35% have used a student bookmaker. This betting activity among college students is at a higher rate than found in the general population.

HB 195 passed by unanimous support out of the Ways and Means Committee (18-0) and the House of Delegates (131-0). I seek a favorable recommendation for this bill.

Cordially,

Handwritten signature of Pamela E. Queen in cursive script.

## **Using technology to address problem gambling:**

[Youth Gambling Public Health Issue](#)

[Gambling and Geofencing](#)

[AI and Problem Gambling](#)

[College Gambling Prevention Initiative](#)

Per a NIH study, geofencing technology can provide just-in-time adaptive interventions for addictive adult gamblers - Smartphone App Delivery of a Just-In-Time Adaptive Intervention for Adult Gamblers (Gambling Habit Hacker): Protocol for a Microrandomized Trial - PMC (nih.gov).