

HB1609_RichardKaplowitz_FAV

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TESTIMONY ON HB#1609 - POSITION: FAVORABLE

Frederick County - Gaming - Acceptance of Credit as Payment

TO: Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and members of the Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1609, Frederick County - Gaming - Acceptance of Credit as Payment

This bill is a priority of the Frederick County delegation based on constituent requests. It is applicable to Frederick County only.

This bill facilitates our first responder's uses of gaming devices at gaming events to raise funds for the organization's support through patron's usage of credit to pay for the games.

This bill will authorize certain fire, rescue, and ambulance organizations conducting certain gaming events in Frederick County to accept credit from a person as payment to play a gaming device at the gaming event.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB1609.