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House Bill 1343 - Internet Gaming - Authorization and Implementation

House Ways & Means Committee

Position: SUPPORT W/AMENDMENT

Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and Members of the Committee:

High Roller Technologies, Inc. (“HRT”) is **supportive with amendment of House Bill 1343 – Internet Gaming – Authorization and Implementation.**

Legalizing and regulating online casinos within Maryland is essential for channeling black-market activity into a safer, more trusted environment for consumers. The current lack of regulation leaves consumers vulnerable to unregulated and potentially predatory operators. By introducing enabling legislation, Maryland can establish an overarching governance structure that ensures fair play, data security, and consumer protections. This framework will encourage reputable operators to enter the market, enhancing trust and accountability while protecting Marylanders who choose to participate in online gaming.

A well-designed regulatory structure that fosters healthy competition among operators will drive innovation in products and services, ultimately delivering a better entertainment experience for consumers. Competition encourages operators to develop new features, implement responsible gaming measures, and invest in cutting-edge technologies that enhance both safety and enjoyment. As a result, Maryland residents will have access to a vibrant, secure, and innovative iGaming market that meets the highest industry standards.



We ask that prior to the passage of HB1343 the following friendly amendment be included in the language where appropriate:

“A PRINCIPAL ENTITY OF A HOLDER OF A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY DESCRIBED UNDER § 9–1E–06(A)(1)(I)(2) THAT HAS BEEN QUALIFIED UNDER COMAR 36.10.02.10; AND”

HRT encourages the adoption of the aforementioned amendment which would enable greater participation from minority business enterprise stakeholders, as minorities are heavily underrepresented throughout the gaming ecosystem.

By creating pathways for minority-owned businesses to participate and thrive within the iGaming space, Maryland can foster a more inclusive and equitable market. This approach not only strengthens the industry’s diversity but also ensures that the economic benefits of this legislation reach all communities across the state.

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