

HOUSE BILL 202

C7, P1

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ENROLLED BILL

— Ways and Means/Budget and Taxation —

Introduced by **Delegates Bromwell, Aumann, Brooks, Ciliberti, Cluster, Folden, Grammer, Jameson, Luedtke, Metzgar, Miele, Morgan, O'Donnell, Patterson, West, and C. Wilson**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~**Gaming Payouts – Donation of Coins**~~ ***Pilot Program – Donation of Coins From***
3 ***Gaming Payouts*** – Maryland Veterans Trust Fund

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt
5 regulations ~~requiring authorizing certain~~ *requiring a* video lottery facility ~~licensees~~
6 *licensee* to adopt certain procedures ~~for~~ *to offer* certain players *the opportunity* to
7 donate coins to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund under certain circumstances;
8 requiring the Commission to adopt regulations ~~requiring authorizing certain~~
9 ~~licensees~~ *requiring a licensee* to attach certain boxes near exits in ~~certain a~~ video
10 lottery ~~facilities~~ *facility* for certain purposes; specifying the source of certain
11 revenues for the Fund; *requiring the Commission to report to certain committees of*
12 *the General Assembly on or before a certain date*; and generally relating to gaming
13 payouts and revenues for the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – State Government
3 Section 9–1A–04(d) and 9–913(g)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – State Government
8 Section 9–913(e)(2)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – State Government**

14 9–1A–04.

15 (d) The Commission shall adopt regulations that include the following specific
16 provisions in accordance with this subtitle:

17 (1) establishing the methods and forms of application that an applicant for
18 any license required under this subtitle shall follow and complete before consideration of
19 the application by the Commission;

20 (2) establishing the methods, procedures, and form for delivery of
21 information from an applicant or licensee concerning any person's family, habits, character,
22 associates, criminal record, business activities, and financial affairs;

23 (3) establishing the procedures for the fingerprinting of an applicant for
24 any license required under this subtitle or other methods of identification that may be
25 necessary in the judgment of the Commission to accomplish effective enforcement of the
26 provisions of this subtitle;

27 (4) establishing the manner and procedure of hearings conducted by the
28 Commission;

29 (5) establishing the manner and method of collection of taxes, fees, and
30 civil penalties;

31 (6) defining and limiting the areas of operation for video lottery terminals
32 and table games, rules of video lottery terminals and table games, odds for video lottery
33 terminals and table games, the types and values of promotional items that may be given
34 away to encourage play of video lottery terminals and table games, the method of operation
35 of the video lottery terminals and table games, and the number and types of table games;

1 (7) regulating the practice and procedures for negotiable transactions
2 involving players, including limitations on the circumstances and amounts of negotiable
3 transactions and the establishment of forms and procedures for negotiable instrument
4 transactions, redemptions, and consolidations;

5 (8) prescribing the grounds and procedures for reprimands of licensees or
6 the revocation or suspension of licenses issued under this subtitle;

7 (9) governing the manufacture, distribution, sale, and servicing of video
8 lottery terminals and table games;

9 (10) establishing the procedures, forms, and methods of management
10 controls;

11 (11) providing for minimum uniform standards of accountancy methods,
12 procedures, and forms as are necessary to assure consistency, comparability, and effective
13 disclosure of all financial information, including percentages of profit for video lottery
14 terminals and table games;

15 (12) establishing periodic financial reports and the form of the reports,
16 including an annual audit prepared by a certified public accountant licensed to do business
17 in the State, disclosing whether the accounts, records, and control procedures examined are
18 maintained by the video lottery operation licensee as required by this subtitle and the
19 regulations that shall be issued under this subtitle;

20 (13) requiring licensees under this subtitle to demonstrate and maintain
21 financial viability;

22 (14) ensuring that the operation of video lottery terminals, table games, and
23 video lottery facilities is conducted legally;

24 (15) establishing procedures for the removal of video lottery terminals from
25 a video lottery facility;

26 (16) determining the suitability of:

27 (i) the use of any variations or composites of the table games
28 authorized under this subtitle after an appropriate test or experimental period under terms
29 and conditions that the Commission may deem appropriate; and

30 (ii) any other game that is compatible with the public interest and
31 suitable for casino use after an appropriate test or experimental period deemed appropriate
32 by the Commission;

33 (17) establishing procedures for accounting for all money exchanged at each
34 table game;

(18) establishing the number of video lottery terminals that may be removed from a video lottery facility to accommodate table games; [and]

(19) ~~REQUIRING AUTHORIZING LICENSEES~~ REQUIRING ONE LICENSEE
UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO:

(I) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO OFFER PLAYERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE COINS, WHEN RECEIVING CASH ON PAYOUT, TO THE MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-913 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(II) ATTACH DONATION BOXES NEAR THE EXITS FROM ~~A~~ THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY, WITH THE PROCEEDS DEDICATED TO THE MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND; AND

[(19)] (20) otherwise carrying out the provisions of this subtitle.

9-913.

(e) (2) There is a Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

(g) The Fund consists of:

(1) gifts and grants that the Trust receives under § 9-914.2(a)(1) of this subtitle; and

(2) contributions to the Fund from:

(I) the sale of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines under § 9-112(d) of this title; AND

(II) THE DONATIONS FROM VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PLAYERS UNDER § 9-1A-04(D)(19) OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2019, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of the pilot program to allow players at a video lottery facility to donate coins, when receiving a cash payout, to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund. The report shall include recommendations on the expansion, alteration, or repeal of the pilot program.

~~SECTION 2.~~ SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.