

HOUSE BILL 490

G1, C7
HB 136/21 – W&M

2lr2761

By: **Delegate Cardin**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Contributions – Alterations and Prohibition on Sports**
3 **Wagering Licensees**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain sports wagering licensees and certain individuals
5 employed by a sports wagering licensee or video lottery operator from directly or
6 indirectly making contributions to campaign finance entities; and generally relating
7 to campaign contributions.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Election Law
10 Section 13–237
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Election Law**

16 13–237.

17 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 (2) **“ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
19 **9–1E–01 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

20 [(2)] (3) “Own” has the meaning stated in § 9–1A–01 of the State
21 Government Article.

22 (4) **“SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **9-1E-01 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

2 **[(3)] (5)** “Video lottery facility” has the meaning stated in § 9-1A-01 of
3 the State Government Article.

4 **[(4)] (6)** “Video lottery operation license” has the meaning stated in §
5 9-1A-01 of the State Government Article.

6 **(7) “VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
7 **9-1A-01 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

8 (b) This section applies to the following persons:

9 (1) an applicant for a video lottery operation license **OR SPORTS**
10 **WAGERING LICENSE;**

11 (2) a holder of a video lottery operation license **OR SPORTS WAGERING**
12 **LICENSE; [or]**

13 (3) a person who owns an interest in the operation of **ONLINE SPORTS**
14 **WAGERING, a video lottery facility, OR A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY** in [this] **THE**
15 **State; OR**

16 **(4) AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER EMPLOYED BY A VIDEO LOTTERY**
17 **OPERATOR OR SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE IN THE STATE.**

18 (c) This section does not apply to gaming activity that an eligible organization is
19 authorized to conduct under the Criminal Law Article.

20 (d) A person subject to this section may not, directly or indirectly, make a
21 contribution to:

22 (1) the campaign finance entity of a candidate for any nonfederal public
23 office in the State; or

24 (2) any other campaign finance entity organized in support of a candidate
25 for any nonfederal public office in the State.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2022.