

# HOUSE BILL 1319

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By: **Delegate Atterbeary**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Internet Gaming – Authorization and Implementation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue  
4 certain licenses to certain qualified applicants to conduct or participate in certain  
5 Internet gaming operations in the State; requiring the Commission to regulate  
6 Internet gaming and the conduct of Internet gaming in the State; authorizing the  
7 Governor, on recommendation of the Commission, to enter into certain  
8 multijurisdictional Internet gaming agreements with certain other governments,  
9 subject to certain limitations; providing that certain payments to certain former  
10 video lottery facility employees may not be subtracted from the calculation of a  
11 certain benefit; establishing the Video Lottery Facility Employee Displacement Fund  
12 as a special, nonlapsing fund; submitting this Act to a referendum of the qualified  
13 voters of the State; and generally relating to Internet gaming.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Economic Development

16 Section 5–1501(a)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

20 Article – Economic Development

21 Section 5–1501(b)(1)(i)

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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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.



- 1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 2 Article – Education  
 3 Section 5–206(b)  
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 5 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 7 Article – Education  
 8 Section 5–206(f) and 5–235(a)  
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 12 Article – Labor and Employment  
 13 Section 8–803(d)  
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 15 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 17 Article – State Government  
 18 Section 9–1A–28(a) and 9–1A–29(a)  
 19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 22 Article – State Government  
 23 Section 9–1A–28(b)(1) and 9–1A–29(b)(1)  
 24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 25 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 26 BY adding to  
 27 Article – State Government  
 28 Section 9–1F–01 through ~~9–1F–11~~ ~~9–1F–12~~ 9–1F–13 to be under the new subtitle  
 29 “Subtitle 1F. Internet Gaming”  
 30 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 31 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 32 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
 33 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 34 **Article – Economic Development**
- 35 5–1501.
- 36 (a) There is a Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account under the  
 37 authority of the Department.

1 (b) (1) (i) The Account shall receive money as required under [§ 9-1A-27]  
 2 §§ 9-1A-27 AND 9-1F-05 of the State Government Article.

3 **Article - Education**

4 5-206.

5 (b) There is the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund.

6 (f) The Fund consists of:

7 (1) Revenue distributed to the Fund under Title 9, Subtitles 1D [and 1E]  
 8 **THROUGH 1F** of the State Government Article and §§ 2-4A-02, 2-605.1, and 2-1303 of  
 9 the Tax - General Article;

10 (2) Money appropriated in the State budget for the Fund; and

11 (3) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the  
 12 Fund.

13 5-235.

14 (a) (1) (i) Subject to PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND  
 15 subsection (o) of this section and beginning in fiscal year 2023, the county governing body  
 16 shall levy and appropriate an annual tax sufficient to provide an amount of revenue for  
 17 elementary and secondary public education purposes equal to the local share of major  
 18 education aid as adjusted under § 5-239 of this subtitle.

19 (ii) For the purposes of calculating the local share of major education  
 20 aid and regardless of the source of the funds, all funds that a county board, including the  
 21 Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, is authorized to expend for schools may be  
 22 considered as levied by the county council, board of county commissioners, or the Mayor  
 23 and City Council of Baltimore except for:

24 1. State appropriations;

25 2. Federal education aid payments; and

26 3. The amount of the expenditure authorized for debt service  
 27 and capital outlay.

28 (2) Subject to PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND subsection (o)  
 29 of this section and except as provided in subsection (a-1) of this section, the county  
 30 governing body shall appropriate local funds to the school operating budget in an amount

1 no less than the product of the county's enrollment count for the current fiscal year and the  
 2 local appropriation on a per pupil basis for the prior fiscal year using enrollment count.

3 **(3) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**  
 4 **THEREAFTER, THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY SHALL:**

5 **(I) SUBTRACT THE AMOUNT OF INTERNET GAMING PROCEEDS**  
 6 **DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FOR EDUCATION FUNDING UNDER §**  
 7 **9-1F-05(B)(2)(VII) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE FROM THE TOTAL**  
 8 **AMOUNTS CALCULATED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

9 **(II) APPROPRIATE TO THE SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET THE**  
 10 **AMOUNT OF INTERNET GAMING PROCEEDS THAT THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY**  
 11 **RECEIVED.**

12 **Article – Labor and Employment**

13 8-803.

14 (d) (1) Except as provided in § 8-1207 of this title for the work sharing  
 15 program and § 8-1604 of this title for the Self-Employment Assistance Program, an eligible  
 16 claimant shall be paid a weekly benefit amount that is computed by:

17 (i) determining the claimant's weekly benefit amount under this  
 18 section;

19 (ii) adding any allowance for a dependent to which the claimant is  
 20 entitled under § 8-804 of this subtitle; and

21 (iii) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,  
 22 subtracting any wages exceeding \$50 payable to the claimant for the week.

23 (2) In computing benefits under this subsection, a fraction of a dollar shall  
 24 be rounded to the next lower dollar.

25 **(3) A PAYMENT TO A FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE**  
 26 **FROM THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND**  
 27 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1F-13 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE MAY NOT**  
 28 **BE INCLUDED WHEN COMPUTING THE WAGES REQUIRED TO BE SUBTRACTED UNDER**  
 29 **PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

30 **Article – State Government**

31 9-1A-28.

1 (a) There is a Purse Dedication Account under the authority of the State Racing  
2 Commission.

3 (b) (1) The Account shall receive money as required under [§ 9-1A-27] §§  
4 9-1A-27 AND 9-1F-05 of this subtitle.

5 9-1A-29.

6 (a) There is a Racetrack Facility Renewal Account under the authority of the  
7 State Racing Commission.

8 (b) (1) The Account shall receive money as required under [§ 9-1A-27] §§  
9 9-1A-27 AND 9-1F-05 of this subtitle for the first 16 years of operations at each video  
10 lottery facility.

11 **SUBTITLE 1F. INTERNET GAMING.**

12 **9-1F-01.**

13 (A) **IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
14 **INDICATED.**

15 (B) **“COMMISSION” MEANS THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL**  
16 **COMMISSION.**

17 (C) **“ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AREA” MEANS A GEOGRAPHIC AREA,**  
18 **IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION, THAT MEETS THREE OR MORE OF THE**  
19 **FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

20 (1) **HAS A MEDIAN INCOME RATE THAT IS 80% OR LESS OF THE**  
21 **AVERAGE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF THE ~~STATE~~ STATE WITHIN WHICH THE**  
22 **GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS LOCATED;**

23 (2) **HAS AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE**  
24 **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE ~~STATE~~ STATE WITHIN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA**  
25 **IS LOCATED;**

26 (3) **HAS AN UNINSURED RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE HEALTH**  
27 **UNINSURED RATE OF THE ~~STATE~~ STATE WITHIN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS**  
28 **LOCATED;**

29 (4) **HAS A SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PLAN**  
30 **PARTICIPATION RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION**  
31 **ASSISTANCE PLAN PARTICIPATION RATE OF THE ~~STATE~~ STATE WITHIN WHICH THE**  
32 **GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS LOCATED; AND**

1           **(5) HAS A POVERTY RATE THAT IS AT LEAST 150% OF THE POVERTY**  
2 **RATE IN THE ~~STATE~~ STATE WITHIN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IS LOCATED.**

3           **(D) “INTERNET GAMING” MEANS CASINO–STYLE GAMING THROUGH AN**  
4 **ONLINE GAMING SYSTEM:**

5           **(1) ON A COMPUTER, A MOBILE DEVICE, OR ANY OTHER INTERACTIVE**  
6 **DEVICE; AND**

7           **(2) THAT IS CONDUCTED BY AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR A**  
8 **PERSON WHO OPERATES INTERNET GAMING ON BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING**  
9 **LICENSEE.**

10           **(E) “INTERNET GAMING LICENSE” MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE**  
11 **COMMISSION TO CONDUCT INTERNET GAMING IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
12 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

13           **(F) “INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE” MEANS THE HOLDER OF AN INTERNET**  
14 **GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

15           **(G) “INTERNET GAMING OPERATOR” MEANS AN ENTITY THAT HOLDS A**  
16 **LICENSE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO CONDUCT AND**  
17 **OPERATE INTERNET GAMING ON BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE.**

18           ~~(G)~~ **(H) (1) “PERSONAL NET WORTH” MEANS THE NET VALUE OF THE**  
19 **ASSETS HELD BY AN INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING THE INDIVIDUAL’S SHARE OF ASSETS**  
20 **HELD JOINTLY OR AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH THE INDIVIDUAL’S SPOUSE,**  
21 **AFTER TOTAL LIABILITIES ARE DEDUCTED.**

22           **(2) “PERSONAL NET WORTH” DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

23           **(I) THE INDIVIDUAL’S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN AN APPLICANT**  
24 **FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;**

25           **(II) THE INDIVIDUAL’S EQUITY IN THE INDIVIDUAL’S PRIMARY**  
26 **PLACE OF RESIDENCE;**

27           **(III) ANY MORTGAGE OR LOAN SECURED BY THE INDIVIDUAL’S**  
28 **PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AS A LIABILITY; OR**

29           **(IV) THE CASH VALUE OF ANY QUALIFIED RETIREMENT SAVINGS**  
30 **PLANS OR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.**

1           ~~(H)~~ (I)           “PROCEEDS” MEANS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BET ON INTERNET  
2 GAMING, LESS:

3                   (1)    THE AMOUNT RETURNED TO SUCCESSFUL PLAYERS;

4                   (2)    THE CASH EQUIVALENTS OF ANY MERCHANDISE OR THING OF  
5 VALUE AWARDED AS A PRIZE TO SUCCESSFUL PLAYERS; AND

6                   ~~(3)    (I)    THROUGH THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION OF AN INTERNET  
7 GAMING LICENSEE, FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL CREDITS REDEEMED BY  
8 PLAYERS; AND~~

9                   ~~(H)    FOLLOWING THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION OF AN  
10 INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE, 20% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL CREDITS  
11 REDEEMED BY PLAYERS.~~

12                   (3)    THROUGH THE FIRST 5 YEARS OF OPERATION OF AN INTERNET  
13 GAMING LICENSEE:

14                           (I)    IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE’S PROCEEDS DO NOT  
15 EXCEED \$4,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION,  
16 35% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS;

17                           (II)   IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE’S PROCEEDS ARE AT  
18 LEAST \$4,000,000 BUT DO NOT EXCEED \$8,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY  
19 PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, 31.25% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL  
20 CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS;

21                           (III)   IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE’S PROCEEDS ARE AT  
22 LEAST \$8,000,000 BUT DO NOT EXCEED \$10,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY  
23 PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, 27.5% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL  
24 CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS;

25                           (IV)   IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE’S PROCEEDS ARE AT  
26 LEAST \$10,000,000 BUT DO NOT EXCEED \$12,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY  
27 PRECEDING YEAR OF OPERATION, 23.75% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL  
28 CREDITS REDEEMED BY PLAYERS; OR

29                           (V)    IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE’S PROCEEDS  
30 EXCEEDED \$12,000,000 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR OF  
31 OPERATION, 20% OF FREE PLAY AND PROMOTIONAL CREDITS REDEEMED BY  
32 PLAYERS.

1           **(J) “SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANT” MEANS AN APPLICANT FOR AN INTERNET**  
2 **GAMING LICENSE WHO SATISFIES AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

3           **(1) LIVED IN AN ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AREA FOR AT**  
4 **LEAST 5 OF THE 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE SUBMISSION OF THE**  
5 **APPLICATION;**

6           **(2) ATTENDED A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN AN ECONOMICALLY**  
7 **DISADVANTAGED AREA FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS;**

8           **(3) FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS, ATTENDED A 4-YEAR INSTITUTION OF**  
9 **HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE WHERE AT LEAST 40% OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO**  
10 **ATTEND THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A PELL**  
11 **GRANT; AND**

12           **(4) HAS A PERSONAL NET WORTH THAT DOES NOT EXCEED AN**  
13 **AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY, EQUITY,**  
14 **AND INCLUSION IN THE INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY.**

15           **(K) “VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1A-01**  
16 **OF THIS TITLE.**

17           **(L) “VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1A-01**  
18 **OF THIS TITLE.**

19 **9-1F-02.**

20           **(A) (1) THIS SUBTITLE AUTHORIZES AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE TO**  
21 **CONDUCT AND OPERATE INTERNET GAMING IN THE STATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS**  
22 **SUBTITLE.**

23           **(2) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE MAY ENTER INTO AN**  
24 **AGREEMENT WITH UP TO ONE ~~OPERATOR TO CONDUCT AND OPERATE INTERNET~~**  
25 **~~GAMING ON BEHALF OF THE LICENSEE~~ INTERNET GAMING OPERATOR.**

26           **(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION**  
27 **SHALL REGULATE INTERNET GAMING AND THE CONDUCT OF INTERNET GAMING TO**  
28 **THE SAME EXTENT THAT THE COMMISSION REGULATES THE OPERATION OF VIDEO**  
29 **LOTTERY TERMINALS AND TABLE GAMES UNDER SUBTITLE 1A OF THIS TITLE AND**  
30 **MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING UNDER SUBTITLE 1E OF THIS TITLE.**

31           **(C) UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, THE REQUIREMENTS**  
32 **UNDER §§ 9-1A-04, 9-1A-06, 9-1A-07, 9-1A-08, 9-1A-12, 9-1A-14, 9-1A-18,**  
33 **9-1A-19, 9-1A-20, AND 9-1A-25 OF THIS TITLE APPLY TO THE AUTHORITY, DUTIES,**



1 AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION, AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE,  
2 AND AN EMPLOYEE OR A CONTRACTOR OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE UNDER  
3 THIS SUBTITLE.

4 (D) (1) THE FOLLOWING PERSONS SHALL BE LICENSED UNDER THIS  
5 SUBTITLE:

6 (I) A PERSON THAT CONDUCTS INTERNET GAMING;

7 (II) A PERSON THAT CONDUCTS INTERNET GAMING ON BEHALF  
8 OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE, INCLUDING AN INTERNET GAMING OPERATOR;

9 (III) A LIVE STUDIO DEALER, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-1F-10 OF  
10 THIS SUBTITLE;

11 (IV) A PERSON NOT LICENSED UNDER ITEM (I), (II), OR (III) OF  
12 THIS PARAGRAPH THAT MANAGES, OPERATES, SUPPLIES, PROVIDES SECURITY FOR,  
13 OR PROVIDES SERVICE, MAINTENANCE, OR REPAIRS FOR AN INTERNET GAMING  
14 LICENSEE; AND

15 (V) AN INDIVIDUAL DIRECTLY EMPLOYED IN THE OPERATION  
16 OF INTERNET GAMING BY AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES  
17 NOT OTHERWISE HOLD A VALID LICENSE UNDER SUBTITLE 1A OF THIS TITLE.

18 (2) THE COMMISSION MAY BY REGULATION REQUIRE A PERSON THAT  
19 CONTRACTS WITH A LICENSEE AND THE PERSON'S EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN A  
20 LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE  
21 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC  
22 INTEREST AND ACCOMPLISH THE POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

23 (3) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE  
24 COMMISSION MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

25 (E) (1) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT ISSUE A LICENSE TO A PERSON  
26 DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OR (IV) OF THIS SECTION IF THE  
27 APPLICANT OR ANY OF THE APPLICANT'S AFFILIATES, INCLUDING AN ENTITY UNDER  
28 COMMON CONTROL, IS KNOWINGLY ACCEPTING REVENUE THAT IS DIRECTLY OR  
29 INDIRECTLY DERIVED FROM:

30 (I) A JURISDICTION ON THE BLACK LIST OF MONEY  
31 LAUNDERING COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED BY THE FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE;

32 (II) A JURISDICTION DESIGNATED AS A STATE SPONSOR OF  
33 TERRORISM BY THE UNITED STATES; OR

1                   **(III) A JURISDICTION IN WHICH ONLINE CASINO GAMING IS**  
2 **PROHIBITED AND THE REVENUE IS DERIVED FROM ONLINE CASINO GAMING IN THAT**  
3 **JURISDICTION.**

4                   **(2) IF AT ANY TIME DURING THE LICENSURE OF A PERSON DESCRIBED**  
5 **UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) OR (IV) OF THIS SECTION THE COMMISSION**  
6 **DETERMINES THAT THE LICENSE HOLDER OR ANY OF THE LICENSE HOLDER'S**  
7 **AFFILIATES, INCLUDING AN ENTITY UNDER COMMON CONTROL, IS KNOWINGLY**  
8 **ACCEPTING REVENUE THAT IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY DERIVED FROM A**  
9 **JURISDICTION DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**  
10 **COMMISSION MAY REVOKE THE LICENSE OF THE LICENSE HOLDER IF THE**  
11 **COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT, AFTER NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A**  
12 **HEARING, IT WOULD FURTHER THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO DISCONTINUE THE**  
13 **OPERATIONS OF THE LICENSE HOLDER WITHIN THE STATE.**

14                   **(3) (I) 1. IN THIS PARAGRAPH THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE**  
15 **THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

16                                   **2. "ILLEGAL INTERACTIVE GAMING MARKET" MEANS A**  
17 **JURISDICTION IN WHICH INTERACTIVE GAMING IS PROHIBITED BY THE LAWS OF**  
18 **THAT JURISDICTION.**

19                                   **3. "INTERACTIVE GAME CONTENT" MEANS HARDWARE,**  
20 **SOFTWARE, APPLICATIONS, AND SERVERS USED TO OPERATE, CONDUCT, OR OFFER**  
21 **INTERACTIVE GAMBLING GAMES.**

22                   **(II) THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE A PERSON DESCRIBED**  
23 **UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1)(II) AND (IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON APPLICATION FOR**  
24 **A LICENSE AND ANNUALLY FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE, TO SUBMIT A**  
25 **DISCLOSURE STATING THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE APPLICANT OR LICENSE**  
26 **HOLDER OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE APPLICANT OR LICENSE HOLDER, DURING THE**  
27 **IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY**  
28 **ACCEPTED REVENUE FROM THE SUPPLY OF INTERACTIVE GAME CONTENT IN AN**  
29 **ILLEGAL INTERACTIVE GAMING MARKET.**

30                   **(III) A MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION OR OMISSION ON THE**  
31 **DISCLOSURE REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY, IN**  
32 **THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSION, RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION**  
33 **FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR, IN THE CASE OF A LICENSE HOLDER,**  
34 **DISCIPLINARY ACTION, INCLUDING A SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE**  
35 **AND PENALTIES FOR OFFICERS OR BOARD MEMBERS OF THE LICENSE HOLDER.**

36                   ~~(D)~~ **(F) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH:**

1           (1) THE FORM AND CONTENT OF AN APPLICATION FOR ANY LICENSE  
2 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

3           (2) STANDARDS, PROCEDURES, AND RULES THAT GOVERN THE  
4 CONDUCT AND OPERATION OF INTERNET GAMING; AND

5           (3) ANY OTHER REGULATION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE  
6 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

7 **9-1F-03.**

8           (A) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THIS SUBTITLE BE  
9 IMPLEMENTED IN A MANNER THAT, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY STATE AND  
10 FEDERAL LAW, MAXIMIZES THE ABILITY OF MINORITIES, WOMEN, AND  
11 MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNET  
12 GAMING INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THROUGH THE OWNERSHIP OF ENTITIES LICENSED  
13 TO CONDUCT INTERNET GAMING.

14           (B) (1) (I) ~~SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS~~ SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF  
15 THIS SECTION PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE AN INTERNET GAMING  
16 LICENSE TO:

17                           1. A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR;

18                           2. THE HOLDER OF A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY  
19 LICENSE DESCRIBED UNDER § 9-1E-06(A)(2)(I)2 OR 3 OF THIS TITLE; AND

20                           3. APPLICANTS THAT:

21                                 A. HAVE MAINTAINED THE APPLICANTS'  
22 HEADQUARTERS IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS;

23                                 B. EMPLOYED ON DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND CONTINUE  
24 TO EMPLOY, AT LEAST 250 EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE ON A FULL-TIME OR  
25 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT BASIS;

26                                 C. DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018,  
27 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, FILED AN APPLICATION OR RENEWAL  
28 APPLICATION TO OWN AN EQUITY INTEREST OF AT LEAST 5% IN A VIDEO LOTTERY  
29 OPERATOR AND WERE FOUND BY THE COMMISSION TO BE QUALIFIED;

1 D. AGREE TO OPERATE THE INTERNET GAMING  
2 BUSINESS USING A BRAND ASSOCIATED WITH A MARYLAND-BASED APPLICANT,  
3 SUBJECT TO WAIVER BY THE COMMISSION AFTER 1 FULL YEAR OF OPERATION; AND

4 E. COMMIT TO SPEND AT LEAST \$5,000,000 DURING THE  
5 INITIAL TERM OF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSE TO BUILD AND OPERATE A LIVE  
6 GAMING STUDIO, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE, OR A STUDIO  
7 FOR TELEVISION AND FILM PRODUCTIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
8 MARYLAND FILM OFFICE WITHIN THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
9 DIVISION OF TOURISM, FILM, AND THE ARTS.

10 (ii) 1. THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE A VIDEO LOTTERY  
11 OPERATOR AN ADDITIONAL INTERNET GAMING LICENSE IF, AT THE TIME OF  
12 APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I)1 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
13 VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR CONCURRENTLY APPLIES FOR A LICENSE THAT THE  
14 VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR AGREES TO OPERATE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOCIAL  
15 EQUITY APPLICANTS WHO DEMONSTRATE DIRECT OR INDIRECT OWNERSHIP OF AT  
16 LEAST 33% IN A JOINT VENTURE.

17 2. IF A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR APPLIES FOR A  
18 LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH,  
19 THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE THE VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR AN ADDITIONAL  
20 LICENSE THAT THE VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR MAY OPERATE SUBJECT TO  
21 SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

22 3. IF THE SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANT WITH WHOM THE  
23 VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR AGREES TO PARTNER IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
24 SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OR 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH IS THE HOLDER OF A SPORTS  
25 WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE DESCRIBED UNDER § 9-1E-06(A)(2)(I)2 OR 3 OF THIS  
26 TITLE, THE HOLDER OF THE SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSE DESCRIBED  
27 UNDER § 9-1E-06(A)(2)(I)2 OR 3 OF THIS TITLE MAY NOT APPLY FOR A LICENSE IN  
28 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I)2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

29 (iii) 1. IF A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR THAT IS ELIGIBLE TO  
30 RECEIVE AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS  
31 PARAGRAPH FAILS TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE FOR WHICH THE ENTITY IS  
32 POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE, INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL LICENSES DESCRIBED  
33 UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE THE  
34 OTHERWISE AVAILABLE INTERNET GAMING LICENSES THROUGH TWO COMPETITIVE  
35 LICENSING ROUNDS ~~NOT MORE THAN 12 INTERNET GAMING LICENSES TO~~  
36 APPLICANTS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE  
37 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

1                   **2. IN ADDITION TO THE LICENSES DESCRIBED UNDER**  
2 **SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE FIVE**  
3 **INTERNET GAMING LICENSES THROUGH TWO COMPETITIVE LICENSING ROUNDS TO**  
4 **APPLICANTS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE**  
5 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

6                   **3. THE FIRST ROUND OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES**  
7 **DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL**  
8 **BE AVAILABLE TO APPLICANTS THAT DEMONSTRATE DIRECT OR INDIRECT**  
9 **OWNERSHIP OF AT LEAST 33% BY SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS.**

10                   **4. IF ANY LICENSES DESCRIBED UNDER**  
11 **SUBSUBPARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH REMAIN AVAILABLE AFTER**  
12 **THE FIRST ROUND OF APPLICATIONS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 3 OF**  
13 **THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE REMAINING LICENSES SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO**  
14 **APPLICANTS WHO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF**  
15 **THIS PARAGRAPH.**

16                   ~~(H)~~ **(IV) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER**  
17 **SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION MAY NOT ~~AWARD~~**  
18 **ISSUE A LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT THAT HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED DIRECT OR**  
19 **INDIRECT OWNERSHIP OF AT LEAST 5% BY INDIVIDUALS ~~WHOSE PERSONAL NET~~**  
20 **WORTH DOES NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION TO**  
21 **ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN THE INTERNET GAMING**  
22 **INDUSTRY WHO ARE SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS.**

23                   **2. THE COMMISSION MAY ~~AWARD~~ ISSUE A LICENSE TO**  
24 **AN APPLICANT THAT, IN LIEU OF THE OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED**  
25 **UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, HAS ESTABLISHED A**  
26 **PROFIT-SHARING AGREEMENT WITH NONMANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ~~WHOSE~~**  
27 **PERSONAL NET WORTH DOES NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE**  
28 **COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN THE**  
29 **INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY WHO WOULD OTHERWISE QUALIFY AS SOCIAL EQUITY**  
30 **APPLICANTS.**

31                   **(V) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW EACH APPLICATION FOR**  
32 **AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION TO ENSURE THAT**  
33 **APPLICANTS SATISFY THE SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANT OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**  
34 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.**

35                   ~~(H)~~ **(VI) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FACTORS ESTABLISHED**  
36 **BY THE COMMISSION BY REGULATION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS**  
37 **SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR INTERNET GAMING**  
38 **LICENSES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BASED ON:**

1                   1.     THE PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP BY INDIVIDUALS  
 2 ~~WHOSE PERSONAL NET WORTH DOES NOT EXCEED THE LIMITATION DESCRIBED~~  
 3 ~~UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH WHO ARE SOCIAL EQUITY~~  
 4 ~~APPLICANTS;~~

5                   ~~2.     THE PERCENTAGE OF PROCEEDS THAT THE~~  
 6 ~~APPLICANT PROPOSES TO RETAIN, NOT TO EXCEED;~~

7                   ~~A.     80% OF THE PROCEEDS FROM LIVE DEALER GAMES~~  
 8 ~~CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

9                   ~~B.     45% OF PROCEEDS FROM ALL OTHER INTERNET~~  
 10 ~~GAMING;~~

11                   ~~3. 2.~~     THE APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STABILITY,  
 12 RESOURCES, INTEGRITY, AND BUSINESS ABILITY AND ACUMEN;

13                   ~~4. 3.~~     THE APPLICANT'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
 14 PLANS FOR INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE;

15                   ~~5. 4.~~     THE APPLICANT'S PLANS FOR EMPLOYING  
 16 INDIVIDUALS IN THE INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY WHO RESIDE IN ECONOMICALLY  
 17 DISADVANTAGED AREAS; AND

18                   ~~6. 5.~~     THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBLE GAMING PROGRAMS  
 19 AND AN EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM.

20                   (2)     (I)     THE COMMISSION MAY CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT TO  
 21 ASSIST THE COMMISSION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNET GAMING  
 22 LICENSE APPLICATION AND THE REVIEW OF APPLICANTS.

23                   (II)    AS PART OF THE REVIEW OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN  
 24 INTERNET GAMING LICENSE, THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE  
 25 ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO THE APPLICANT SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

26                   (3)     (I)     1.     THE INITIAL LICENSE FEE FOR AN INTERNET GAMING  
 27 LICENSE IS EQUAL TO \$1,000,000.

28                                   2.     THE COMMISSION MAY AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF  
 29 THE FEE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH IN  
 30 SEPARATE INSTALLMENTS.

31                   (II)    THE TERM OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE IS 5 YEARS.

1 (4) (I) ON APPLICATION BY AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE AND  
2 PAYMENT OF A LICENSE RENEWAL FEE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
3 PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL RENEW FOR 5 YEARS AN INTERNET GAMING  
4 LICENSE IF THE LICENSEE COMPLIES WITH ALL STATUTORY AND REGULATORY  
5 REQUIREMENTS.

6 (II) THE LICENSE RENEWAL FEE IS EQUAL TO 1% OF THE  
7 INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE'S AVERAGE ANNUAL PROCEEDS RETAINED BY THE  
8 LICENSEE UNDER § 9-1F-05(B)(1)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE PRECEDING  
9 3-YEAR PERIOD.

10 (C) ON A PROPERLY APPROVED TRANSMITTAL PREPARED BY THE  
11 COMMISSION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FROM  
12 THE LICENSE FEES COLLECTED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SECTION:

13 (1) AN AMOUNT TO THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL  
14 AGENCY NECESSARY TO REIMBURSE THE AGENCY FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE  
15 ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES UNDER THIS SECTION;

16 (2) 1% TO THE PROBLEM GAMBLING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER §  
17 9-1A-33 OF THIS TITLE; AND

18 (3) THE REMAINDER TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE  
19 FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-206 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

20 (D) ~~(1)~~ FOR ALL LICENSES REQUIRED UNDER THIS ~~SUBTITLE~~ SECTION, IF  
21 AN APPLICANT HOLDS A VALID GAMING OR GAMING OPERATION LICENSE IN THIS  
22 STATE OR ~~ANOTHER STATE AT LEAST THREE OTHER STATES~~ AND THE COMMISSION  
23 DETERMINES THAT THE LICENSING STANDARDS OF THE ISSUING AGENCY ARE  
24 COMPREHENSIVE AND THOROUGH AND PROVIDE SIMILAR AND ADEQUATE  
25 SAFEGUARDS TO THOSE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY:

26 ~~(1)~~ (1) WAIVE SOME OR ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
27 ~~SUBTITLE~~ SECTION; AND

28 ~~(2)~~ (2) ISSUE A LICENSE TO THAT APPLICANT.

29 ~~(2)~~ ~~(1)~~ ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS~~  
30 ~~SUBSECTION, ON THE REQUEST OF AN APPLICANT, THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT AN~~  
31 ~~EXEMPTION OR A WAIVER OF A LICENSING REQUIREMENT OR GROUNDS FOR DENIAL~~  
32 ~~OF A LICENSE IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE REQUIREMENT OR~~  
33 ~~GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF A LICENSE AS APPLIED TO THE APPLICANT ARE NOT~~

~~NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST OR ACCOMPLISH THE POLICIES  
ESTABLISHED BY THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(H) ON GRANTING AN APPLICANT AN EXEMPTION OR A WAIVER  
UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, OR AT ANY TIME AFTER AN EXEMPTION OR A WAIVER HAS  
BEEN GRANTED, THE COMMISSION MAY:~~

~~1. LIMIT OR PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON THE EXEMPTION  
OR WAIVER AS THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS NECESSARY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST;  
AND~~

~~2. REQUIRE THE PERSON THAT IS GRANTED THE  
EXEMPTION OR WAIVER TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE  
THE COMMISSION WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE  
COMMISSION AS A CONDITION OF THE WAIVER OR EXEMPTION.~~

~~(3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR IN REGULATION,  
THE COMMISSION MAY NOT WAIVE A REQUIREMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OR  
PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT RELATES TO MINORITY BUSINESS  
ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOALS AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER §  
9-1F-04(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

(E) (1) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ~~AWARD~~ ISSUANCE OF AN INTERNET  
GAMING LICENSE, THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE  
COMMISSION A DIVERSITY PLAN THAT DESCRIBES THE STEPS THAT THE LICENSEE  
WILL TAKE TO PROMOTE MEANINGFUL DIVERSITY AMONG ITS OWNERS, INVESTORS,  
MANAGERS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONTRACTORS AND TO PROMOTE EQUALITY OF  
OPPORTUNITY.

(2) EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL MAKE GOOD FAITH  
EFFORTS TO MEET THE DIVERSITY OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN THE DIVERSITY PLAN  
SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND REPORT TO THE  
COMMISSION ANY NECESSARY METRICS TO MEASURE PROGRESS IN MEETING THOSE  
OBJECTIVES.

(3) THE COMMISSION MAY MAKE THE DIVERSITY PLANS AND  
METRICS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE TO THE  
PUBLIC.

(F) (1) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE MAY NOT TRANSFER  
OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF THE LICENSE FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 3 YEARS  
FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE.



1           **(2) THE LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY TO**  
2 **TRANSFERS AS A RESULT OF THE DISABILITY, INCAPACITY, OR DEATH OF THE**  
3 **OWNER OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE, BANKRUPTCY OR RECEIVERSHIP IN**  
4 **ACCORDANCE WITH A LENDING AGREEMENT OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE,**  
5 **OR COURT ORDER.**

6 **9-1F-04.**

7           **(A) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE:**

8           **(1) SHALL:**

9                   **(I) COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL DATA PRIVACY AND**  
10 **SECURITY LAWS; ~~AND~~**

11                   **(II) MAINTAIN ALL INTERNET GAMING DATA SECURELY FOR AT**  
12 **LEAST 5 YEARS;**

13                   **(III) ONLY AUTHORIZE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT LEAST 21**  
14 **YEARS OF AGE TO ENGAGE IN INTERNET GAMING; AND**

15                   **(IV) VERIFY AN INDIVIDUAL'S AGE AND IDENTITY AT THE TIME**  
16 **THE INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHES AN INTERNET GAMING ACCOUNT AND PERIODICALLY**  
17 **REVERIFY THE INDIVIDUAL'S IDENTITY; AND**

18           **(2) MAY NOT:**

19                   **(I) SHARE ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION**  
20 **WITH ANY THIRD PARTIES WITHOUT PERMISSION, EXCEPT AS NEEDED TO OPERATE**  
21 **INTERNET GAMING, ADMINISTER THE LICENSEE'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS**  
22 **SUBTITLE, AND SUPPORT PROBLEM GAMBLING INITIATIVES;**

23                   **(II) TARGET ADVERTISING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE**  
24 **PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING IN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS TITLE**  
25 **AND OTHER AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS; OR**

26                   **(III) ENGAGE IN ANY FALSE OR DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING.**

27           **(B) (1) THE FINDINGS AND EVIDENCE RELIED ON BY THE GENERAL**  
28 **ASSEMBLY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**  
29 **PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND**  
30 **PROCUREMENT ARTICLE ARE INCORPORATED IN THIS SUBSECTION.**

1           (2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED  
2 STATES CONSTITUTION, AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE  
3 STATE'S MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.

4           (3) (I) WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF AN INTERNET  
5 GAMING LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF SMALL,  
6 MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE  
7 OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE, SHALL  
8 ESTABLISH A CLEAR PLAN FOR SETTING REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE MINORITY  
9 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOALS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE  
10 PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES RELATED TO INTERNET GAMING.

11           (II) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE GOALS AND  
12 PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE  
13 BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE  
14 AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE AND THE REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THAT  
15 SUBTITLE.

16           (C) AN APPLICANT FOR AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE ~~OR~~, AN INTERNET  
17 GAMING LICENSEE, OR AN ENTITY THAT OPERATES A LIVE DEALER STUDIO ON  
18 BEHALF OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL PRODUCE INFORMATION,  
19 DOCUMENTATION, AND ASSURANCES TO ESTABLISH BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING  
20 EVIDENCE THAT:

21           (1) UNLESS THE APPLICANT ~~OR LICENSEE~~, LICENSEE, OR LIVE  
22 DEALER STUDIO OPERATOR ALREADY HAS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT,  
23 THE APPLICANT ~~OR LICENSEE~~, LICENSEE, OR LIVE DEALER STUDIO OPERATOR HAS  
24 ENTERED INTO A LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT WITH EACH LABOR ORGANIZATION  
25 THAT IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN REPRESENTING OR ATTEMPTING TO REPRESENT  
26 INTERNET GAMING INDUSTRY WORKERS, INCLUDING DEALERS CONDUCTING LIVE  
27 DEALER GAMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN THE STATE;

28           (2) THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT IS VALID AND ENFORCEABLE  
29 UNDER 29 U.S.C. § 158; ~~AND~~

30           (3) THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT PROTECTS THE STATE'S  
31 REVENUES BY PROHIBITING THE LABOR ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS FROM  
32 ENGAGING IN PICKETING, WORK STOPPAGES, BOYCOTTS, AND ANY OTHER  
33 ECONOMIC INTERFERENCE WITH THE OPERATION OF INTERNET GAMING WITHIN  
34 THE FIRST 5 YEARS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSE;  
35 AND

36           (4) THE APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR LIVE DEALER STUDIO OPERATOR  
37 INTENDS TO MAINTAIN A NEUTRAL POSITION ON THE UNIONIZATION OF ANY

1 EMPLOYEES OF THE APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR OPERATOR, INCLUDING BY  
2 REFRAINING FROM MAKING ANY STATEMENT OR IMPLICATION THAT THE  
3 APPLICANT, LICENSEE, OR OPERATOR:

4 (I) OPPOSES THE SELECTION OR DESELECTION OF A  
5 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGENT; OR

6 (II) SUPPORTS OR OPPOSES THE SELECTION OF A PARTICULAR  
7 LABOR ORGANIZATION AS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGENT.

8 **9-1F-05.**

9 (A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ACCOUNT TO THE COMPTROLLER FOR  
10 ALL OF THE REVENUE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

11 (2) THE PROCEEDS FROM INTERNET GAMING, LESS THE AMOUNT  
12 RETAINED BY THE LICENSEE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION,  
13 SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMPTROLLER AND DISTRIBUTED AS  
14 PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

15 (B) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
16 PARAGRAPH, ALL PROCEEDS FROM INTERNET GAMING SHALL BE ELECTRONICALLY  
17 TRANSFERRED ~~MONTHLY~~ DAILY INTO THE STATE LOTTERY FUND ESTABLISHED  
18 UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE.

19 ~~(II) A LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN THE PERCENTAGE OF~~  
20 ~~PROCEEDS FROM INTERNET GAMING THAT THE LICENSEE PROPOSED IN THE~~  
21 ~~LICENSE APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER § 9-1F-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

22 (II) A LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN:

23 1. 80% OF THE PROCEEDS FROM LIVE DEALER GAMES  
24 CONDUCTED BY THE LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1F-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE;  
25 AND

26 2. 45% OF THE PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE LICENSEE  
27 FROM ALL OTHER INTERNET GAMING.

28 (2) ALL PROCEEDS FROM INTERNET GAMING IN THE STATE LOTTERY  
29 FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED ON  
30 A MONTHLY BASIS, ON A PROPERLY APPROVED TRANSMITTAL PREPARED BY THE  
31 COMMISSION IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

1                   **(I) FOR THE FIRST 12 MONTHS THAT INTERNET GAMING IS IN**  
2 **OPERATION IN THE STATE, UP TO \$10,000,000 TO THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY**  
3 **EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1F-13 OF THIS**  
4 **SUBTITLE;**

5                   **(II) TO JURISDICTIONS WITH VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES**  
6 **BASED ON EACH JURISDICTION'S PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL GROSS REVENUES**  
7 **FROM VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER §**  
8 **~~9-1A-27(B)~~ 9-1A-31(B) OF THIS TITLE;**

- 9                   **1. \$6,500,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2026;**
- 10                  **2. \$8,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2027;**
- 11                  **3. \$10,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028;**
- 12                  **4. \$11,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2029; AND**
- 13                  **5. \$11,400,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2030;**

14                  **~~(III)~~ (III) TO THE PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED**  
15 **UNDER § 9-1A-28 OF THIS TITLE;**

- 16                  **1. \$4,900,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2026;**
- 17                  **2. \$6,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2027;**
- 18                  **3. \$7,600,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028;**
- 19                  **4. \$8,600,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2029; AND**
- 20                  **5. \$8,700,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2030;**

21                  **~~(III)~~ (IV) TO THE RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT**  
22 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1A-29 OF THIS TITLE;**

- 23                  **1. \$900,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2026;**
- 24                  **2. \$1,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2027;**
- 25                  **3. \$1,200,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028; AND**
- 26                  **4. \$700,000 IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2029 AND 2030;**

1 ~~(IV)~~ (V) TO THE SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED  
 2 BUSINESSES ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-1501 OF THE ECONOMIC  
 3 DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE:

4 1. \$1,300,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2026;

5 2. \$1,600,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2027;

6 3. \$1,900,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028; AND

7 4. \$2,200,000 IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2029 AND 2030;

8 ~~(I)~~ ~~(V)~~ (VI) 1% OF ALL PROCEEDS TO THE STATE LOTTERY AND  
 9 GAMING CONTROL AGENCY FOR THE COST OF PERFORMING BACKGROUND  
 10 INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITIES;

11 ~~(II)~~ ~~(VI)~~ (VII) 1% OF ALL PROCEEDS TO THE PROBLEM  
 12 GAMBLING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1A-33 OF THIS TITLE;

13 ~~(III)~~ ~~(VII)~~ (VIII) 1% OF ALL PROCEEDS TO LOCAL  
 14 JURISDICTIONS COUNTY GOVERNING BODIES, DISTRIBUTED TO EACH COUNTY  
 15 BASED ON THE COUNTY'S SCHOOL-AGE POPULATION CURRENT FISCAL YEAR  
 16 ENROLLMENT COUNT, AS DEFINED IN § 5-201 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, TO BE  
 17 USED FOR FUNDING EDUCATION TO ASSIST COUNTIES IN MEETING THEIR  
 18 EDUCATION FUNDING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 5-235(A) OF THE EDUCATION  
 19 ARTICLE; AND

20 ~~(IV)~~ ~~(VIII)~~ (IX) THE REMAINDER TO THE BLUEPRINT FOR  
 21 MARYLAND'S FUTURE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-206 OF THE EDUCATION  
 22 ARTICLE.

23 **9-1F-06.**

24 (A) IN ORDER TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE A GAMBLING  
 25 PROBLEM, AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL:

26 (1) CAUSE THE WORDS "IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A  
 27 GAMBLING PROBLEM AND WANTS HELP, CALL 1-800-GAMBLER" OR SOME  
 28 COMPARABLE LANGUAGE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION TO BE DISPLAYED  
 29 PROMINENTLY AT LOG-ON AND LOG-OFF TIMES TO ANY INDIVIDUAL VISITING OR  
 30 LOGGED ONTO AN INTERNET GAMING PLATFORM;

1           (2) ~~PROVIDE A MECHANISM BY WHICH AN INTERNET GAMING~~  
2 ~~ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING CONTROLS ON THE ACCOUNT~~  
3 ~~HOLDER'S GAMING ACTIVITY THROUGH THE ACCOUNT;~~

4           ~~(H)~~ REQUIRE AN INTERNET GAMING ACCOUNT HOLDER TO  
5 ESTABLISH A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY DEPOSITED WITHIN A SPECIFIED  
6 PERIOD OF TIME AND THE LENGTH OF TIME THE ACCOUNT HOLDER WILL BE UNABLE  
7 TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNET GAMING AND MAKE ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS IF THE  
8 ACCOUNT HOLDER REACHES THE ESTABLISHED DEPOSIT LIMIT; AND

9           ~~(H)~~ (3) PROVIDE A MECHANISM BY WHICH AN INTERNET  
10 GAMING ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF  
11 INTERNET GAMING ACTIVITY THROUGH THE ACCOUNT FOR ANY NUMBER OF HOURS  
12 OR DAYS;

13           ~~(3)~~ (4) DEFINE THE PERMISSIBLE PROHIBIT THE USE OF CREDIT  
14 CARDS FOR ANY INTERNET GAMING-RELATED TRANSACTIONS; AND

15           ~~(4)~~ (5) (I) CAUSE THE DISPLAY OF A PROBLEM GAMBLING  
16 DISCLOSURE CONCERNING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH GAMBLING AND THE  
17 SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO PROBLEM GAMBLERS AT ACCOUNT LOGIN;

18           (II) REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO CERTIFY THAT THE  
19 INDIVIDUAL HAS READ THE DISCLOSURE DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM  
20 BEFORE ESTABLISHING AN INTERNET GAMING ACCOUNT; AND

21           (III) REQUIRE EACH USER TO CERTIFY ON A MONTHLY BASIS  
22 THAT THE USER HAS READ THE DISCLOSURE DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS  
23 ITEM.

24           (B) IF A SUSPENSION OF INTERNET GAMING ACTIVITY UNDER SUBSECTION  
25 ~~(A)(2)(H)~~ (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION IS IMPOSED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER FOR AT  
26 LEAST 72 HOURS, THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE MAY NOT SEND  
27 GAMING-RELATED ELECTRONIC MAIL TO THE ACCOUNT HOLDER UNTIL THE  
28 SUSPENSION EXPIRES.

29           (C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,  
30 AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL PROVIDE A MECHANISM BY WHICH AN  
31 ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY PERIODICALLY CHANGE THE CONTROLS ON GAMING  
32 ACTIVITY IMPOSED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER UNDER THIS SECTION.

33           (2) IF THE ACCOUNT IS SUSPENDED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER  
34 UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)(2)(H)~~ (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY  
35 NOT CHANGE GAMING CONTROLS UNTIL THE SUSPENSION EXPIRES.

1           **(3) IF AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT ON THE**  
2 **AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MAY DEPOSIT WITHIN A PERIOD OF TIME**  
3 **SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INTERNET**  
4 **GAMING LICENSEE MAY NOT REFLECT THE INCREASED LIMIT FOR AT LEAST 24**  
5 **HOURS.**

6           **(D) NOTWITHSTANDING A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF INTERNET GAMING**  
7 **ACTIVITY IMPOSED BY AN ACCOUNT HOLDER UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)(2)(II)~~ (A)(3)**  
8 **OF THIS SECTION, THE ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE**  
9 **ACCOUNT AND IS AUTHORIZED TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM THE ACCOUNT ON**  
10 **PROPER APPLICATION TO THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE.**

11           **(E) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ARE**  
12 **INTENDED TO REDUCE OR MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF PROBLEM GAMBLING.**

13           **(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL:**

14                   **(I) INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**  
15 **LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WITH GAMBLING PROBLEMS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO BE**  
16 **EXCLUDED FROM ANY INTERNET GAMING LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

17                   **(II) PROVIDE A SIMPLE MECHANISM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS**  
18 **SOBER AND INFORMED TO REQUEST PLACEMENT ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**  
19 **LIST FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME.**

20           **(3) UNLESS AN INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON THE**  
21 **VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST AFFIRMATIVELY DECLINES THE PROVISION OF THE**  
22 **INDIVIDUAL'S CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE MARYLAND CENTER FOR**  
23 **EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE**  
24 **INDIVIDUAL'S CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE CENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF**  
25 **PROVIDING THE INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION ABOUT FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL**  
26 **RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING ASSISTANCE.**

27           **(4) AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE:**

28                   **(I) MAY NOT PERMIT AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE VOLUNTARY**  
29 **EXCLUSION LIST TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNET GAMING ACCOUNT OR ENGAGE IN**  
30 **INTERNET GAMING; AND**

31                   **(II) MAY ONLY PERMIT AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE VOLUNTARY**  
32 **EXCLUSION LIST WHO PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED AN INTERNET GAMING ACCOUNT**  
33 **TO ACCESS THE ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VIEWING AND DOWNLOADING THE**  
34 **INDIVIDUAL'S TRANSACTION HISTORY.**

1           **(5) THE COMMISSION MAY IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON A LICENSEE IN**  
2 **ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE IF THE LICENSEE KNOWINGLY FAILS TO**  
3 **EXCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST FROM ENGAGING IN**  
4 **INTERNET GAMING.**

5           **(F) AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR, EACH INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE SHALL**  
6 **REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON:**

7           **(1) THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT THE INTERNET GAMING**  
8 **LICENSEE HAS IDENTIFIED AS ENGAGING IN ERRATIC OR INCREASED GAMBLING**  
9 **BEHAVIOR; AND**

10           **(2) THE NUMBER AND LENGTH OF ANY BANS OR SUSPENSIONS IN**  
11 **RESPONSE TO THE BEHAVIOR DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

12 **9-1F-07.**

13           **(A) THE COMMISSION MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000,000**  
14 **AGAINST ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY:**

15           **(1) TAMPERS WITH SOFTWARE, COMPUTERS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT**  
16 **USED TO CONDUCT INTERNET GAMING TO ALTER THE ODDS OR THE PAYOUT OF A**  
17 **GAME OR DISABLE THE GAME FROM OPERATING ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF THE**  
18 **GAME AS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION; OR**

19           **(2) OFFERS OR ALLOWS TO BE OFFERED ANY INTERNET GAME THAT**  
20 **HAS BEEN TAMPHERED WITH IN A WAY THAT AFFECTS THE ODDS OR THE PAYOUT OF**  
21 **A GAME OR HAS BEEN DISABLED FROM OPERATING ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF**  
22 **THE GAME AS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.**

23           **(B) IN ADDITION TO ANY PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF**  
24 **THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND, FOR NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS, THE**  
25 **LICENSE OF AN INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE OR ANY OTHER PERSON REQUIRED TO**  
26 **BE LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE WHO IS IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (A) OF**  
27 **THIS SECTION.**

28 **9-1F-08.**

29           **ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE MARYLAND CENTER OF**  
30 **EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN**  
31 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:**



1           **(1) THE IMPACT OF INTERNET GAMING ON PROBLEM GAMBLERS AND**  
2 **GAMBLING ADDICTION IN THE STATE; AND**

3           **(2) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY**  
4 **CONTROLS IN PLACE TO ENSURE THE ~~INTEGRITY OF INTERNET GAMING~~**  
5 **~~OPERATIONS~~ EFFECTIVENESS OF MEASURES TO PROTECT VULNERABLE AND**  
6 **PROBLEM GAMBLERS.**

7 **9-1F-09.**

8           **(A) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, AN INTERNET GAMING**  
9 **LICENSEE SHALL PROVIDE ALL TRANSACTIONAL DATA AND METRICS RELATED TO**  
10 **INTERNET GAMING CONDUCTED IN THE STATE AND ACQUIRED BY AN OPERATOR OF**  
11 **THE LICENSEE ON A MONTHLY, QUARTERLY, OR ANNUAL BASIS TO MORGAN STATE**  
12 **UNIVERSITY AND BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY.**

13           **(B) THE TRANSACTIONAL DATA AND METRICS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE**  
14 **WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL EXCLUDE ANY PERSONALLY**  
15 **IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.**

16 **9-1F-10.**

17           **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
18 **INDICATED.**

19           **(2) “AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME” MEANS ANY**  
20 **INTERNET-BASED VERSION, OR SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT, OF A TABLE GAME,**  
21 **POKER TOURNAMENT, GAMING TOURNAMENT, OR ANY OTHER GAME TYPICALLY**  
22 **OFFERED IN A CASINO AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING GAMES IN**  
23 **WHICH INDIVIDUALS WAGER MONEY OR SOMETHING OF MONETARY VALUE AND**  
24 **THAT ARE ACCESSED BY A COMPUTER OR MOBILE DEVICE THAT IS CONNECTED TO**  
25 **THE INTERNET.**

26           **(3) (I) “LIVE DEALER GAME” MEANS AN AUTHORIZED**  
27 **INTERACTIVE GAME CONDUCTED BY LIVE STUDIO DEALERS OR OTHER PHYSICAL**  
28 **GAMING EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS AN AUTOMATED ROULETTE WHEEL, BALL BLOWER,**  
29 **OR GAMING DEVICE, OR BOTH, IN A LIVE GAME ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE**  
30 **AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS HAVE THE ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN GAME PLAY AND**  
31 **COMMUNICATE GAME DECISIONS THROUGH AN AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAMING**  
32 **PLATFORM.**

33           **(II) “LIVE DEALER GAME” INCLUDES A LIVE CARD GAME, A LIVE**  
34 **TABLE GAME, AND ANY OTHER LIVE AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME.**

1           (4) “LIVE GAMING STUDIO” MEANS A PHYSICAL LOCATION IN THE  
2 STATE THAT UTILIZES LIVE VIDEO STREAMING TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE  
3 AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAMES TO A PLAYER’S INTERACTIVE GAMING DEVICE OR  
4 MULTI-USE COMPUTING DEVICE.

5           (5) “LIVE STUDIO DEALER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

6           (I) LEADS A TABLE GAME, INCLUDING BLACKJACK, CRAPS,  
7 POKER, ROULETTE, OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME, WHILE  
8 ASSISTING AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS WITH GAME-RELATED NEEDS;

9           (II) DISTRIBUTES VIRTUAL CARDS, DICE, OR OTHER  
10 EQUIPMENT TO AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS ACCORDING TO THE TABLE GAME OR  
11 AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME; AND

12           (III) MONITORS GAME PACE AND PLAY.

13           (B) SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION, AN INTERNET GAMING  
14 LICENSEE MAY OFFER AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAMES, INCLUDING GAMING  
15 TOURNAMENTS IN WHICH PLAYERS COMPETE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER IN ONE OR  
16 MORE OF THE GAMES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR BY THE COMMISSION  
17 OR IN APPROVED VARIATIONS OR COMPOSITES OF THOSE GAMES.

18           (C) AN INTERNET GAMING OPERATOR MAY USE LIVE STUDIO DEALERS TO  
19 ADMINISTER AN AUTHORIZED INTERACTIVE GAME.

20           (D) A LIVE GAMING STUDIO USED TO CONDUCT A LIVE DEALER GAME  
21 AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION:

22           (1) SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE; ~~AND OR~~

23           ~~(2) IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE PREMISES OF A~~  
24 ~~VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-1A-01 OF THIS TITLE.~~

25           (2) IF THE INTERNET GAMING LICENSEE IS A VIDEO LOTTERY  
26 OPERATOR, SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY WITHIN WHICH THE VIDEO  
27 LOTTERY FACILITY IS LOCATED.

28 9-1F-11.

29           (A) IN THIS SECTION, “GOVERNMENT” MEANS ANY GOVERNMENTAL UNIT,  
30 OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, OF A NATIONAL, STATE, OR LOCAL  
31 BODY EXERCISING GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS.

1           **(B) ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR, ON**  
2 **BEHALF OF THE STATE, IS AUTHORIZED TO:**

3           **(1) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS,**  
4 **SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SECTION, THAT ALLOWS AND PROVIDES FOR**  
5 **PARTICIPATION IN MULTIJURISDICTIONAL INTERNET GAMING BY INDIVIDUALS**  
6 **WHO ARE PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN JURISDICTIONS OVER WHICH THE**  
7 **GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE A PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT EXERCISE LEGAL**  
8 **AUTHORITY; AND**

9           **(2) TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENSURE THAT ANY**  
10 **AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER THIS SECTION BECOMES EFFECTIVE.**

11           **(C) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION**  
12 **THAT PROVIDE FOR:**

13           **(1) THE FORM, LENGTH, AND TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED**  
14 **UNDER THIS SECTION;**

15           **(2) MATTERS RELATING TO THE TAXATION OF INTERNET GAMING**  
16 **REVENUE BY THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;**

17           **(3) THE SHARING AND DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNET GAMING**  
18 **REVENUE AMONG THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;**

19           **(4) RESOLUTION OF PLAYER DISPUTES;**

20           **(5) THE INFORMATION THAT A GOVERNMENT PROPOSING TO ENTER**  
21 **INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE MUST PROVIDE TO THE COMMISSION;**

22           **(6) THE MANNER AND PROCEDURE FOR HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY**  
23 **THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS**  
24 **SECTION;**

25           **(7) THE INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION MUST PROVIDE TO**  
26 **THE GOVERNOR THAT SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION**  
27 **MADE UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

28           **(8) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

29           **(D) THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT UNDER THIS**  
30 **SECTION UNLESS THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES TERMS:**

1           **(1) FOR ANY POTENTIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SHARING OF**  
2 **REVENUES BY THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;**

3           **(2) PERMITTING THE EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF INTERNET GAMING**  
4 **BY THE STATE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO LICENSING, TECHNICAL**  
5 **STANDARDS TO BE FOLLOWED, RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES BY PATRONS,**  
6 **REQUIREMENTS FOR BANKROLLS, ENFORCEMENT, ACCOUNTING, AND**  
7 **MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS;**

8           **(3) BY WHICH EACH PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT AGREES TO PROHIBIT**  
9 **OPERATORS OF INTERNET GAMING, SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND MANUFACTURERS OR**  
10 **DISTRIBUTORS OF INTERNET GAMING SYSTEMS FROM ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITY**  
11 **PERMITTED UNDER THE AGREEMENT UNLESS THOSE PERSONS ARE LICENSED OR**  
12 **FOUND SUITABLE:**

13                   **(I) UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; OR**

14                   **(II) BY ANY OTHER PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT UNDER**  
15 **REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE MATERIALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF**  
16 **THIS SUBTITLE;**

17           **(4) PROHIBITING VARIATION OR DEROGATION FROM THE**  
18 **REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT FOR ANY PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT ABSENT**  
19 **THE CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT;**

20           **(5) PROHIBITING ANY SUBORDINATE OR SIDE AGREEMENTS, EXCEPT**  
21 **WITH RESPECT TO SHARING OF REVENUES, AMONG ANY SUBSET OF THE**  
22 **GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT; AND**

23           **(6) IF THE AGREEMENT ALLOWS PERSONS PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN**  
24 **THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNET GAMING CONDUCTED BY ANOTHER PARTY**  
25 **TO THE AGREEMENT OR AN OPERATOR OF INTERNET GAMING LICENSED BY THE**  
26 **OTHER PARTY, REQUIRING THAT PARTY TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN REGULATORY**  
27 **REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING INTERNET GAMING THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE**  
28 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE IN ALL MATERIAL RESPECTS.**

29 **9-1F-12.**

30           **(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL**  
31 **REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE,**  
32 **TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:**

33                   **(1) THE OPERATION OF INTERNET GAMING IN THE STATE; AND**

1           **(2) THE IMPACT OF INTERNET GAMING ON VIDEO LOTTERY**  
2 **FACILITIES, OTHER GAMING VENUES, AND ANCILLARY BUSINESSES THAT**  
3 **SURROUND THOSE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES AND GAMING VENUES.**

4           **(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL:**

5           **(1) STUDY THE IMPACTS OF OTHER ONLINE FORMS OF**  
6 **UNAUTHORIZED GAMING CONTENT THAT IS SIMILAR TO INTERNET GAMING, SUCH**  
7 **AS PLATFORMS THAT USE MICROTRANSACTIONS OR ONLINE SWEEPSTAKES; AND**

8           **(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2027, REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR**  
9 **AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL**  
10 **ASSEMBLY ON ITS FINDINGS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS.**

11 **9-1F-13.**

12           **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FUND” MEANS THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY**  
13 **EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT FUND.**

14           **(B) THERE IS A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT**  
15 **FUND.**

16           **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO SUPPORT VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY**  
17 **EMPLOYEES THAT ARE DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET**  
18 **GAMING.**

19           **(D) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE**  
20 **FUND.**

21           **(E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**  
22 **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

23           **(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,**  
24 **AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

25           **(F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

26           **(1) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 9-1F-05(B)(2)(I)**  
27 **OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

28           **(2) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND**

29           **(3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR**  
30 **THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

1           **(G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY:**

2                   **(1) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES RELATED TO ADMINISTRATION**  
3 **OF THE FUND;**

4                   **(2) FOR GRANTS TO FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES**  
5 **DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING TO OFFSET ANY**  
6 **REDUCTION IN THE TAKE HOME PAY OF THE FORMER EMPLOYEES;**

7                   **(3) TO SUPPLEMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENTS**  
8 **RECEIVED BY FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY THE**  
9 **IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING;**

10                   **(4) TO ESTABLISH JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FORMER VIDEO**  
11 **LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**  
12 **INTERNET GAMING; AND**

13                   **(5) FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE MARYLAND**  
14 **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO ASSIST FORMER VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY EMPLOYEES**  
15 **DISPLACED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNET GAMING.**

16           **(H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND**  
17 **IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

18                   **(2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO**  
19 **THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

20           **(I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE**  
21 **WITH THE STATE BUDGET.**

22           **(J) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS**  
23 **TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

24           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 5-235(a) of the Education  
25 Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, may not be construed to reduce overall funding  
26 appropriated by a county governing body based on that section of law as it existed before  
27 the enactment of this Act.

28           SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

29           (a) In accordance with Article XIX, § 1(e) of the Maryland Constitution, before  
30 this Act, which authorizes additional forms or expansion of commercial gaming, becomes  
31 effective, a question substantially similar to the following shall be submitted to a

1 referendum of the qualified voters of the State at the general election to be held in  
2 November 2024:

3 “Do you favor the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland to  
4 authorize Internet gaming for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education?”

5 (b) The State Board of Elections shall do those things necessary and proper to  
6 provide for and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of the votes cast  
7 on the question are “For the referred law”, this Act shall become effective on the 30th day  
8 following the official canvass of votes for the referendum, but if a majority of the votes cast  
9 on the question are “Against the referred law”, this Act, with no further action required by  
10 the General Assembly, shall be null and void.

11 SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions  
12 of Section ~~2~~ 3 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required  
13 by Section ~~2~~ 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.