

SENATE BILL 86

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By: **Senator Waldstreicher**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Online Sports Wagering – Problem Gambling Resources – Required Contact**
3 **Information**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a mobile sports wagering licensee to publish certain contact
5 information for the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling on the
6 ~~homepage~~ landing page of its online sports wagering website and mobile application;
7 and generally relating to online sports wagering.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – State Government
10 Section 9–1E–11(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Government**

16 9–1E–11.

17 (b) **(1)** For online sports wagering, a mobile sports wagering licensee shall:

18 ~~[(1)]~~ **(I)** have in place technical and operational measures to prevent

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 access by individuals who are underage or physically located outside the State, including:

2 [(i)] 1. age verification procedures, which may require the use of
3 a reputable independent third party that is in the business of verifying an individual's
4 personally identifiable information; and

5 [(ii)] 2. the use of geolocation technology to verify a bettor's
6 geographic location;

7 [(2)] (II) include on its online sports wagering website a description of the
8 possible repercussions for an underage or out-of-state bettor, which may include
9 immediate stoppage of play, account closure, and forfeiture and confiscation of winnings;
10 [and]

11 [(3)] (III) **PUBLISH PROMINENTLY ON THE ~~HOME PAGE~~ LANDING PAGE**
12 **OF ITS ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING WEBSITE AND MOBILE APPLICATION THE**
13 **STATEMENT "IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM, CLICK**
14 **HERE OR CALL 1-800-GAMBLER FOR HELP", OR OTHER COMPARABLE LANGUAGE**
15 **APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION; AND**

16 (IV) establish procedures to prevent prohibited individuals from
17 wagering on sporting events.

18 (2) **THE WORDS "CLICK HERE" REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED UNDER**
19 **PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CONTAIN A LINK TO THE WEBSITE**
20 **OF THE MARYLAND CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.