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HB 371 State Lottery - Instant Ticket Lottery Machines - Fraternal Organizations (ITLMs for Homeless Veterans Act)

Honorable Chair Kaiser, Vice Chair Washington and Members of the Committee:

I am happy to introduce **House Bill 371 State Lottery - Instant Ticket Lottery Machines - Fraternal Organizations (ITLMs for Homeless Veterans Act)**. This bill expands qualifications of existing statute to allow fraternal organizations to maintain instant ticket lottery machines (ITLM) within their establishments. This would open an additional source of funding for veteran service focused programs within the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization in the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Receipts from the sale of pull tab tickets must be remitted to SLGCA, which must distribute 10% to a special fund to be used by the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization in the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to assist veterans and their families, provided that, annually, the first \$100,000 is distributed to the outreach and advocacy program in the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA). Half of the remaining proceeds will then be distributed to the fraternal organization in which the ITLM is located. From the other half of remaining proceeds, an amount needed to pay for the purchase or lease of the machines is provided to SLGCA, and any remaining amount is paid to the general fund.

This bill does not include fraternal or sororal organizations related to educational institutions or professional schools. Additionally, fraternal organizations in counties on the Eastern Shore are not eligible. A licensed fraternal organization must remit receipts from instant ticket lottery sales to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (SLGCA) and must locate and operate its pull tab machines at its principal meeting hall in the county.

Thank you for your time and consideration of HB 371.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Young".

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