

# SENATE BILL 1035

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By: **Senators Muse and Miller**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Card Games – Prince George’s County**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain qualified organization to operate a card  
4 games facility in Prince George’s County; limiting the number of licenses that  
5 the State may issue to operate a card games facility; limiting the number of  
6 locations at which card games facilities may be located; requiring a card games  
7 facility to comply with applicable planning and zoning laws of the local  
8 jurisdiction; requiring certain legislation under certain circumstances; and  
9 submitting this Act to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Maryland  
10 for their adoption or rejection.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) The State may issue one license for the commercial operation of card  
14 games in the State.

15 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the license for the commercial  
16 operation of card games shall be awarded on a competitive basis by the Maryland  
17 Video Lottery Facility Location Commission as provided under State law.

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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 (c) The card games operation license may be awarded only to a card games  
2 facility located in Prince George's County, within 1 mile of the intersection of  
3 Interstate 95 and MD Route 414.

4 (d) A card games facility shall comply with all applicable planning and  
5 zoning laws of the local jurisdiction.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of Section  
7 1 of this Act authorize a State license for the commercial operation of card games in  
8 the State, subject to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Maryland as  
9 provided in Section 3 of this Act, and upon voter approval at the general election to be  
10 held in November of 2010, legislation shall be required providing for the operation,  
11 licensing, regulation, and disposition of proceeds, of a card games facility in Prince  
12 George's County.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act, which  
14 authorizes additional forms or expansion of commercial gaming, shall be submitted to  
15 a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Maryland at the general election to be  
16 held in November of 2010, in accordance with Article XIX, § 1(e) of the Maryland  
17 Constitution. The State Board of Elections shall do those things necessary and proper  
18 to provide for and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of the  
19 votes cast on the question are "For the referred law" the provisions of this Act shall  
20 become effective on the 30th day following the official canvass of votes for the  
21 referendum, but if a majority of the votes cast on the question are "Against the  
22 referred law" the provisions of this Act are of no effect and null and void.

23 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions  
24 of Section 2 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum  
25 required by Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.