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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Table Games – Video Lottery Facilities**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the holder of a video lottery operation license to offer
4 table games in the State; specifying the type of table games that may be
5 authorized in the State; authorizing the State Lottery Commission to determine
6 the suitability of certain table games under certain circumstances; requiring
7 certain video lottery facilities to comply with applicable planning and zoning
8 laws of the local jurisdiction; requiring certain legislation under certain
9 circumstances; and submitting this Act to a referendum of the qualified voters
10 of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

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

13 (a) The State may authorize a holder of a video lottery operation license
14 under Article XIX of the Maryland Constitution to offer table games to the public in
15 the State.

16 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, table games authorized under
17 subsection (a) of this section may include:

18 (1) roulette, baccarat, blackjack, craps, big six wheel, minibaccarat,
19 poker, pai gow poker, and sic bo, or any variation and composites of those games; and

20 (2) gaming tournaments in which players compete against one another
21 in one or more of the games authorized under item (1) of this subsection.

22 (c) The State Lottery Commission may determine the suitability of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) the use of any variations or composites of the table games under
2 subsection (b) of this section after an appropriate test or experimental period under
3 terms and conditions that the Commission may deem appropriate; and

4 (2) any other game that is compatible with the public interest and
5 suitable for casino use after an appropriate test or experimental period deemed
6 appropriate by the Commission.

7 (d) A video lottery facility that offers table games shall comply with all
8 applicable planning and zoning laws of the local jurisdiction in which the video lottery
9 facility is located.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of Section
11 1 of this Act authorize a video lottery operation licensee to offer table games in the
12 State, subject to a referendum of the qualified voters of Maryland as provided in
13 Section 3 of this Act, and, upon voter approval of this Act at the general election to be
14 held in November of 2012, legislation passed by the General Assembly and enacted
15 into law shall be required to provide for the operation, regulation, and disposition of
16 proceeds of table games at a licensed video lottery facility in the State.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act, which
18 authorizes additional forms or expansion of commercial gaming, shall be submitted to
19 a referendum of the qualified voters of Maryland at the general election to be held in
20 November of 2012, in accordance with Article XIX, § 1(e) of the Maryland Constitution.
21 The State Board of Elections shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for
22 and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of the votes cast on the
23 question are "For the referred law" the provisions of this Act shall become effective on
24 the 30th day following the official canvass of votes for the referendum, but if a
25 majority of the votes cast on the question are "Against the referred law" the provisions
26 of this Act are of no effect and null and void.

27 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
28 of Section 3 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum
29 required by Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.