SENATE BILL 562

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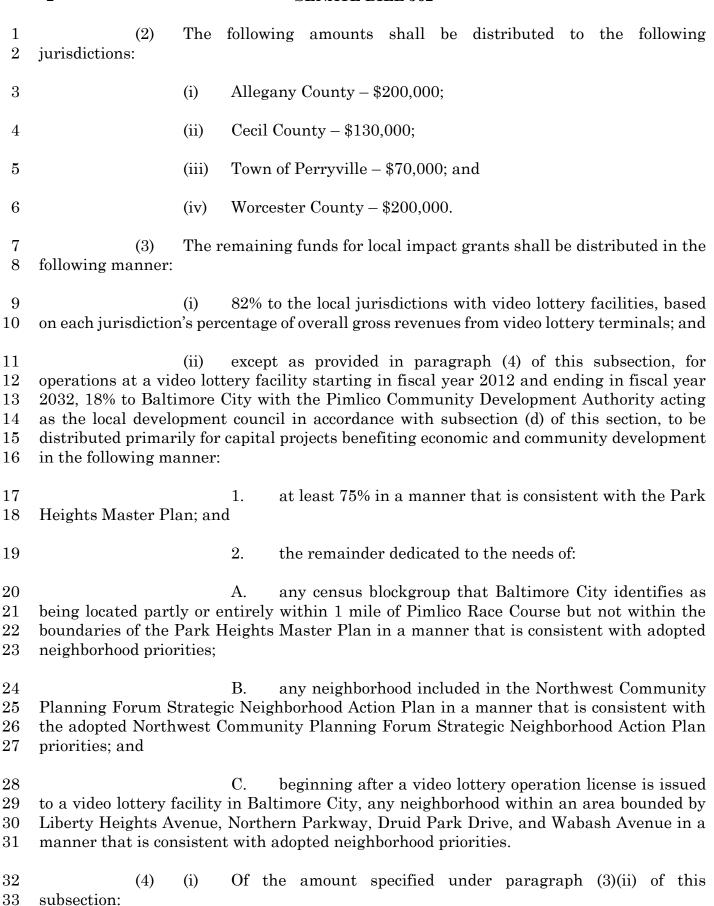Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Prince George's County – Video Lottery Terminals – Distribution of Local**
3   **Impact Grants**

4   FOR the purpose of requiring at least a certain amount of certain local impact grants
5   distributed to Prince George's County from certain proceeds of video lottery
6   terminals to be distributed to the Town of Forest Heights; and generally relating to
7   the distribution of local impact grant funds in Prince George's County.

8   BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9   Article – State Government
10   Section 9–1A–31(a)(1), (2), and (3)
11   Annotated Code of Maryland
12   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14   Article – State Government
15   Section 9–1A–31(a)(4)
16   Annotated Code of Maryland
17   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

20   **Article – State Government**

21 9–1A–31.

22   (a)   (1)   Except as provided in paragraph (8) of this subsection, the local impact
23 grants provided under § 9–1A–27 of this subtitle shall be distributed as provided in this
24 subsection.

EXPLANATION: **Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.**
        [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   (2)   The following amounts shall be distributed to the following
2 jurisdictions:

3   (i)   Allegany County – $200,000;

4   (ii)   Cecil County – $130,000;

5   (iii)   Town of Perryville – $70,000; and

6   (iv)   Worcester County – $200,000.

7   (3)   The remaining funds for local impact grants shall be distributed in the
8 following manner:

9   (i)   82% to the local jurisdictions with video lottery facilities, based
10 on each jurisdiction's percentage of overall gross revenues from video lottery terminals; and

11   (ii)   except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, for
12 operations at a video lottery facility starting in fiscal year 2012 and ending in fiscal year
13 2032, 18% to Baltimore City with the Pimlico Community Development Authority acting
14 as the local development council in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, to be
15 distributed primarily for capital projects benefiting economic and community development
16 in the following manner:

17   1.   at least 75% in a manner that is consistent with the Park
18 Heights Master Plan; and

19   2.   the remainder dedicated to the needs of:

20   A.   any census blockgroup that Baltimore City identifies as
21 being located partly or entirely within 1 mile of Pimlico Race Course but not within the
22 boundaries of the Park Heights Master Plan in a manner that is consistent with adopted
23 neighborhood priorities;

24   B.   any neighborhood included in the Northwest Community
25 Planning Forum Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan in a manner that is consistent with
26 the adopted Northwest Community Planning Forum Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan
27 priorities; and

28   C.   beginning after a video lottery operation license is issued
29 to a video lottery facility in Baltimore City, any neighborhood within an area bounded by
30 Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue in a
31 manner that is consistent with adopted neighborhood priorities.

32   (4)   (i)   Of the amount specified under paragraph (3)(ii) of this
33 subsection:

1   1. $1,000,000 shall be provided annually to Prince George's
2   County to be used for public safety projects in the community within 5 miles surrounding
3   Rosecroft Raceway, **OF WHICH AT LEAST $120,000 SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE**
4   **TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**; and

5   2. $500,000 shall be provided annually for impact aid to be
6   distributed as provided under § 11–404(d) of the Business Regulation Article to help pay
7   for facilities and services in communities within 3 miles of the Laurel Race Course.

8   (ii)   The Legislative Policy Committee shall report its findings and
9   recommendations concerning the advisability of the continuation of the distribution of
10   funds after fiscal year 2032 to the Comptroller and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of this
11   article, the General Assembly, on or before November 1, 2030.

12   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13   1, 2019.