

HOUSE BILL 136

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Cardin**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Contributions – Alterations and Prohibition on Sports**
3 **and Event Wagering Business Entities**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain sports and event wagering business entities and
5 certain individuals employed by a sports and event wagering business entity or video
6 lottery operator from directly or indirectly making contributions to campaign finance
7 entities; defining a certain term; making a stylistic change; making this Act
8 contingent on the enactment of certain legislation; and generally relating to
9 campaign contributions.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Election Law
12 Section 13–237
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Election Law**

18 13–237.

19 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (2) “Own” has the meaning stated in § 9–1A–01 of the State Government
21 Article.

22 (3) “Video lottery facility” has the meaning stated in § 9–1A–01 of the State
23 Government Article.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(4) "Video lottery operation license" has the meaning stated in § 9-1A-01 of the State Government Article.

(5) "VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-1A-01 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(b) This section applies to the following persons:

(1) an applicant for a video lottery operation license **OR SPORTS AND EVENT WAGERING LICENSE;**

(2) a holder of a video lottery operation license **OR SPORTS AND EVENT WAGERING LICENSE; [or]**

(3) a person who owns an interest in the operation of a video lottery facility **OR SPORTS AND EVENT WAGERING BUSINESS ENTITY in [this] THE State; OR**

(4) AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER EMPLOYED BY A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR OR SPORTS AND EVENT WAGERING BUSINESS ENTITY IN THE STATE.

(c) This section does not apply to gaming activity that an eligible organization is authorized to conduct under the Criminal Law Article.

(d) A person subject to this section may not, directly or indirectly, make a contribution to:

(1) the campaign finance entity of a candidate for any nonfederal public office in the State; or

(2) any other campaign finance entity organized in support of a candidate for any nonfederal public office in the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect contingent on the enactment of legislation implementing sports and event wagering in the State. If legislation implementing sports and event wagering in the State is not enacted on or before adjournment sine die of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.