

HOUSE BILL 160

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HB 132/24 – W&M

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By: **Delegate Cardin**

Requested: October 30, 2024

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Operations – Campaign Contributions – Parity Act**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on applicants for and holders of video lottery
4 operation licenses and persons who own an interest in video lottery facility
5 operations in the State from directly or indirectly making contributions to certain
6 campaign finance entities; and generally relating to campaign finance contributions
7 by persons with an interest in video lottery operations.

8 BY repealing

9 Article – Election Law

10 Section 13–237

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Election Law**

16 [13–237.

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

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

20 (3) “Video lottery facility” has the meaning stated in § 9–1A–01 of the State
21 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.

(b) This section applies to the following persons:

(1) an applicant for a video lottery operation license;

(2) a holder of a video lottery operation license; or

(3) a person who owns an interest in the operation of a video lottery facility in this 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 October 1, 2025.