

HOUSE BILL 465

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Problem Gambling and College Athlete Protections**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt
4 certain regulations to reduce or mitigate the effects of problem gambling; requiring
5 the regulations to establish a voluntary exclusion list; requiring the Commission to
6 provide contact information of certain individuals to the Maryland Center for
7 Excellence on Problem Gambling under certain circumstances; prohibiting an
8 individual under a certain age from participating in fantasy competitions and
9 prohibiting a fantasy competition operator from offering certain fantasy
10 competitions or services to individuals under a certain age; prohibiting an individual
11 from wagering on and prohibiting a sports wagering licensee from offering or
12 accepting a wager on certain player–specific proposition bets; requiring a sports
13 wagering licensee to provide certain transactional and metrics data to certain
14 universities for certain purposes; and generally relating to problem gambling
15 protections and player–specific proposition wagers.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – State Government
18 Section 9–109(d), 9–1E–04(b)(7) and (8) and (d), 9–1E–09(f), 9–1E–11(f), (g), and (h),
19 and 9–1E–18
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

23 Article – State Government
24 Section 9–1A–24(e), 9–1D–02, 9–1D–05, 9–1E–04(b)(6)(xiii) and (7), and 9–1E–11(b)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

27 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – State Government
Section 9–1E–11(a)(7)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – State Government

9–109.

**(D) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ARE
INTENDED TO REDUCE OR MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF PROBLEM GAMBLING.**

(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL:

**(I) ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST OF INDIVIDUALS
WITH GAMBLING PROBLEMS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE
STATE LOTTERY, A GAME, OR A FACILITY THAT OFFERS A GAME AUTHORIZED UNDER
THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

**(II) PROVIDE A SIMPLE MECHANISM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
SOBER AND INFORMED TO REQUEST PLACEMENT ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION
LIST FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME.**

**(3) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE
COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE CONTACT INFORMATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST TO THE MARYLAND
CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PROVIDING THE INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION ABOUT FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL
RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING ASSISTANCE.**

**(II) IF AN INDIVIDUAL AFFIRMATIVELY DECLINES TO HAVE THE
INDIVIDUAL’S CONTACT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE MARYLAND CENTER FOR
EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING, THE COMMISSION MAY NOT PROVIDE THE
CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE CENTER.**

9–1A–24.

**(e) (1) By regulation, the Commission shall adopt measures that are intended
to reduce or mitigate the effects of problem gambling.**

(2) (I) The regulations shall:

1 [(i)] 1. [include establishment of] **ESTABLISH** a voluntary
2 exclusion list of individuals with gambling problems who have requested to be excluded
3 from any video lottery operation licensed under this subtitle; and

4 [(ii)] 2. provide a simple mechanism for an individual who is sober
5 and informed to request placement on the voluntary exclusion list for a specified period of
6 time.

7 (II) 1. **SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS**
8 **SUBPARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE CONTACT INFORMATION**
9 **OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**
10 **LIST TO THE MARYLAND CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING FOR**
11 **THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION ABOUT FREE AND**
12 **CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING ASSISTANCE.**

13 2. **IF AN INDIVIDUAL AFFIRMATIVELY DECLINES TO**
14 **HAVE THE INDIVIDUAL'S CONTACT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE MARYLAND**
15 **CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING, THE COMMISSION MAY NOT**
16 **PROVIDE THE CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE CENTER.**

17 (3) A video lottery operation licensee may not permit an individual on the
18 voluntary exclusion list to enter into the video lottery facility or to play a video lottery
19 terminal.

20 (4) The Commission may impose sanctions on a licensee in accordance with
21 this subtitle if the licensee knowingly fails to exclude from the premises of the licensee an
22 individual on the voluntary exclusion list.

23 9-1D-02.

24 (a) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 12 of the Criminal Law Article
25 or any other title, and except as provided under [subsection (b) of this section] **PARAGRAPH**
26 **(2) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, the prohibitions against betting, wagering, and gambling do
27 not apply to participation in a fantasy competition.

28 [(b)] (2) A person may not operate a kiosk or machine that offers fantasy
29 competition to the public in a place of business physically located in the State.

30 (B) (1) **A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE**
31 **IN A FANTASY COMPETITION.**

32 (2) **A FANTASY COMPETITION OPERATOR MAY NOT OFFER A FANTASY**
33 **COMPETITION OR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH A FANTASY COMPETITION FOR**
34 **WHICH THERE IS AN ENTRY FEE TO A PERSON THAT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS.**

9-1D-05.

(a) The Commission shall adopt regulations **THAT ESTABLISH:**

(1) (I) A VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WITH GAMBLING PROBLEMS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY FANTASY COMPETITION AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) A SIMPLE MECHANISM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SOBER AND INFORMED TO REQUEST PLACEMENT ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME; AND

(2) ANY OTHER REGULATION NECESSARY to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.

(b) **(1) [The regulations adopted under this section may include requirements for the establishment of a voluntary exclusion list] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE CONTACT INFORMATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST ESTABLISHED BY REGULATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1)(I) OF THIS SECTION TO THE MARYLAND CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION ABOUT FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING ASSISTANCE.**

(2) IF AN INDIVIDUAL AFFIRMATIVELY DECLINES TO HAVE THE INDIVIDUAL'S CONTACT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE MARYLAND CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING, THE COMMISSION MAY NOT PROVIDE THE CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE CENTER.

9-1E-04.

(b) In accordance with this subtitle, the Commission shall adopt regulations that establish:

(6) standards, procedures, and rules that govern the conduct of sports wagering, including:

(xiii) establishing a list of individuals who are to be mandatorily excluded or ejected by a sports wagering licensee from any facility or website operated by a sports wagering licensee; [and]

1 **(7) A VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WITH GAMBLING**
2 **PROBLEMS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN**
3 **SPORTS WAGERING AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;**

4 **(8) A SIMPLE MECHANISM FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SOBER AND**
5 **INFORMED TO REQUEST PLACEMENT ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST FOR A**
6 **SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME; AND**

7 **[(7)] (9)** any other regulation necessary to carry out the provisions of this
8 subtitle.

9 **(D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
10 **COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE CONTACT INFORMATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO**
11 **REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON THE VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION LIST REQUIRED UNDER**
12 **SUBSECTION (B)(7) OF THIS SECTION TO THE MARYLAND CENTER FOR**
13 **EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE**
14 **INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION ABOUT FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSIBLE**
15 **GAMBLING ASSISTANCE.**

16 **(2) IF AN INDIVIDUAL AFFIRMATIVELY DECLINES TO HAVE THE**
17 **INDIVIDUAL'S CONTACT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE MARYLAND CENTER FOR**
18 **EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING, THE COMMISSION MAY NOT PROVIDE THE**
19 **CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE CENTER.**

20 9-1E-09.

21 **(F) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "PROPOSITION BET" MEANS A WAGER ON AN**
22 **INDIVIDUAL ACTION, STATISTIC, OCCURRENCE, OR NONOCCURRENCE, WHETHER**
23 **RELATED TO AN INDIVIDUAL PLAYER OR TEAM, THE OUTCOME OF WHICH IS NOT**
24 **DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE FINAL OUTCOME OR FINAL SCORE OF A SPORTING**
25 **EVENT.**

26 **(2) (I) A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE MAY NOT OFFER OR**
27 **ACCEPT A WAGER ON A PLAYER-SPECIFIC PROPOSITION BET ON A PARTICIPANT IN**
28 **A COLLEGIATE SPORTS OR ATHLETIC EVENT.**

29 **(II) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT PLACE A WAGER ON A**
30 **PLAYER-SPECIFIC PROPOSITION BET ON A PARTICIPANT IN A COLLEGIATE SPORTS**
31 **OR ATHLETIC EVENT.**

32 9-1E-11.

33 (a) An individual may not wager on a sporting event and a sports wagering
34 licensee may not accept a wager from an individual on a sporting event if the individual:

(7) is identified on a mandatory or voluntary sports wagering exclusion list maintained by the Commission;

(b) For online sports wagering, a mobile sports wagering licensee shall:

(1) have in place technical and operational measures to prevent access by individuals who are underage or physically located outside the State, including:

(i) age verification procedures, which may require the use of a reputable independent third party that is in the business of verifying an individual's personally identifiable information; [and]

(ii) **AGE AND IDENTITY VERIFICATION PROCEDURES, THAT REQUIRE THE VERIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S AGE AND IDENTITY AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHES A SPORTS WAGERING ACCOUNT AND PERIODICALLY REQUIRES REVERIFICATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S IDENTITY; AND**

(iii) the use of geolocation technology to verify a bettor's geographic location;

(2) include on its online sports wagering website a description of the possible repercussions for an underage or out-of-state bettor, which may include immediate stoppage of play, account closure, and forfeiture and confiscation of winnings; [and]

(3) establish procedures to prevent prohibited individuals from wagering on sporting events;

(4) **CAUSE THE WORDS "IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM AND WANTS HELP, CALL 1-800-GAMBLER" OR SOME COMPARABLE LANGUAGE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION TO BE DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY AT LOG-ON AND LOG-OFF TIMES TO ANY INDIVIDUAL VISITING OR LOGGED ONTO AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING PLATFORM;**

(5) **REQUIRE AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING ACCOUNT HOLDER TO ESTABLISH A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY DEPOSITED WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME AND THE LENGTH OF TIME THE ACCOUNT HOLDER WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS WAGERING AND MAKE ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS IF THE ACCOUNT HOLDER REACHES THE ESTABLISHED DEPOSIT LIMIT;**

(6) **PROVIDE A MECHANISM BY WHICH AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITY THROUGH THE ACCOUNT FOR ANY NUMBER OF HOURS OR DAYS;**

1 **(7) PROHIBIT THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS FOR ANY ONLINE SPORTS**
2 **WAGERING-RELATED TRANSACTIONS; AND**

3 **(8) (I) CAUSE THE DISPLAY OF A PROBLEM GAMBLING**
4 **DISCLOSURE CONCERNING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH GAMBLING AND THE**
5 **SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO PROBLEM GAMBLERS AT ACCOUNT LOGIN;**

6 **(II) REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO CERTIFY THAT THE**
7 **INDIVIDUAL HAS READ THE DISCLOSURE DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM**
8 **BEFORE ESTABLISHING AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING ACCOUNT; AND**

9 **(III) REQUIRE EACH USER TO CERTIFY ON A MONTHLY BASIS**
10 **THAT THE USER HAS READ THE DISCLOSURE DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS**
11 **ITEM.**

12 **(F) IF A SUSPENSION OF SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITY UNDER SUBSECTION**
13 **(B)(6) OF THIS SECTION IS IMPOSED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER FOR AT LEAST 72**
14 **HOURS, THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE MAY NOT SEND**
15 **SPORTS WAGERING-RELATED ELECTRONIC MAIL TO THE ACCOUNT HOLDER UNTIL**
16 **THE SUSPENSION EXPIRES.**

17 **(G) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**
18 **SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE SHALL PROVIDE A MECHANISM BY WHICH AN**
19 **ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY PERIODICALLY CHANGE THE CONTROLS ON SPORTS**
20 **WAGERING ACTIVITY IMPOSED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER UNDER THIS SECTION.**

21 **(2) IF THE ACCOUNT IS SUSPENDED BY THE ACCOUNT HOLDER**
22 **UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(6) OF THIS SECTION, THE ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY NOT**
23 **CHANGE THE CONTROLS ON SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITY UNTIL THE SUSPENSION**
24 **EXPIRES.**

25 **(3) IF AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT ON THE**
26 **AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MAY DEPOSIT WITHIN A PERIOD OF TIME**
27 **SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE SPORTS**
28 **WAGERING LICENSEE MAY NOT REFLECT THE INCREASED LIMIT FOR AT LEAST 24**
29 **HOURS OR UNTIL AFTER THE TIME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS LIMIT HAS EXPIRED,**
30 **WHICHEVER IS LATER.**

31 **(H) NOTWITHSTANDING A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SPORTS WAGERING**
32 **ACTIVITY IMPOSED BY AN ACCOUNT HOLDER UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(6) OF THIS**
33 **SECTION, THE ACCOUNT HOLDER MAY CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE ACCOUNT**

1 AND IS AUTHORIZED TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM THE ACCOUNT ON PROPER
2 APPLICATION TO THE SPORTS WAGERING LICENSEE.

3 9-1E-18.

4 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "TRANSACTIONAL DATA AND METRICS" MEANS
5 DATA AND METRICS RELATING TO SPORTS WAGERING PARTICIPANTS IN THE STATE.

6 (2) "TRANSACTIONAL DATA AND METRICS" INCLUDES:

7 (I) ACCOUNT BANS AND SUSPENSIONS;

8 (II) COMPLAINTS BY SPORTS WAGERING PARTICIPANTS;

9 (III) DEMOGRAPHICS OF SPORTS WAGERING PARTICIPANTS;

10 (IV) THE GEOLOCATION OF SPORTS WAGERING PARTICIPANTS;

11 (V) THE USE AND UTILIZATION OF A SPORTS WAGERING
12 PLATFORM BY SPORTS WAGERING PARTICIPANTS; AND

13 (VI) FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF SPORTS WAGERING
14 PARTICIPANTS IN THE STATE, INCLUDING:

15 1. BALANCE STATEMENTS;

16 2. BET LEVEL OR AMOUNTS;

17 3. BONUS USAGE;

18 4. DEPOSITS; AND

19 5. WITHDRAWALS.

20 (B) (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, A SPORTS WAGERING
21 LICENSEE SHALL PROVIDE ALL TRANSACTIONAL DATA AND METRICS RELATED TO
22 SPORTS WAGERING CONDUCTED IN THE STATE AND ACQUIRED BY AN ONLINE
23 SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR OF THE LICENSEE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO
24 MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF
25 MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

26 (2) THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
27 SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

1 **(I) THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS THAT THE SPORTS**
2 **WAGERING LICENSEE HAS IDENTIFIED AS ENGAGING IN ERRATIC OR INCREASED**
3 **GAMBLING BEHAVIOR; AND**

4 **(II) THE NUMBER AND LENGTH OF ANY BANS OR SUSPENSIONS**
5 **IN RESPONSE TO THE BEHAVIOR DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

6 **(C) THE TRANSACTIONAL DATA AND METRICS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE**
7 **WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION:**

8 **(1) SHALL EXCLUDE ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION;**

9 **(2) ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC**
10 **INFORMATION ACT; AND**

11 **(3) MAY BE DISCLOSED BY MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, BOWIE**
12 **STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE:**

13 **(I) ONLY AS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT RESEARCH; OR**

14 **(II) AS PART OF A PREVALENCE STUDY OR PEER-REVIEWED**
15 **REPORT.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2025.