

## Chapter 230

(House Bill 454)

AN ACT concerning

### Gaming – Emergency Suspension of License

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to suspend a certain gaming license on an emergency basis under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to schedule promptly a certain hearing and provide certain notice under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commission to delegate certain authority to the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency; and generally relating to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission and the regulation of gaming in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–1A–04(a)(4) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

#### Article – State Government

9–1A–04.

(a) The Commission shall:

(4) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1)(V) OF THIS SECTION**, after a hearing, suspend or revoke as applicable the license of a licensee who has a license suspended or revoked in another state;

(b) **(1)** The Commission may:

**[(1)] (I)** issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses at any place within the State in the course of any investigation or hearing under this subtitle;

**[(2)] (II)** administer oaths and require testimony under oath before the Commission in the course of any investigation or hearing conducted under this subtitle;

**[(3)] (III)** serve or cause to be served its process or notices in a manner provided for service of process in civil actions under the Maryland Rules; **[and]**

**[(4)] (IV)** propound written interrogatories; **AND**

**(V) SUSPEND A LICENSE ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE SUSPENSION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE STATE'S GAMING PROGRAM AGAINST A SERIOUS AND IMMINENT RISK OF HARM TO ITS INTEGRITY, SECURITY, OR PROFITABILITY.**

**(2) IF THE COMMISSION SUSPENDS A LICENSE ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS, THE COMMISSION SHALL SCHEDULE PROMPTLY A HEARING ON THE SUSPENSION AND PROVIDE THE LICENSEE WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE SUSPENSION.**

**(3) THE COMMISSION MAY DELEGATE TO THE DIRECTOR ITS AUTHORITY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

**Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2014.**