

# HOUSE BILL 930

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By: **Delegate Luedtke**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fantasy Competitions – Regulatory Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of transferring the authority to adopt certain regulations relating to  
4 fantasy competitions from the Comptroller to the Director of the Lottery and Gaming  
5 Control Agency; and generally relating to fantasy competitions.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Criminal Law  
8 Section 12–114  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 12–114.

15 (a) In this section, “fantasy competition” includes any online fantasy or simulated  
16 game or contest such as fantasy sports, in which:

17 (1) participants own, manage, or coach imaginary teams;

18 (2) all prizes and awards offered to winning participants are established  
19 and made known to participants in advance of the game or contest;

20 (3) the winning outcome of the game or contest reflects the relative skill of  
21 the participants and is determined by statistics generated by actual individuals (players or  
22 teams in the case of a professional sport); and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) no winning outcome is based:

2 (i) solely on the performance of an individual athlete; or

3 (ii) on the score, point spread, or any performances of any single  
4 real-world team or any combination of real-world teams.

5 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this or any other title, the prohibitions  
6 against betting, wagering, and gambling do not apply to participation in a fantasy  
7 competition.

8 (c) The [Comptroller] **DIRECTOR OF THE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL**  
9 **AGENCY** may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
11 1, 2016.