

HOUSE BILL 980

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sports Wagering – Prince George’s County Stadiums – Sports Wagering**
3 **Community Impact Fund**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain percentage of the proceeds from sports
5 wagering at a stadium located in Prince George’s County be distributed to the Sports
6 Wagering Community Impact Fund; establishing the Sports Wagering Community
7 Impact Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; and generally relating to the use of the
8 proceeds from sports wagering at stadiums located in Prince George’s County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 9–1E–12
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2021 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – State Government
16 Section 9–1E–17
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article – State Government**

22 9–1E–12.

23 (a) (1) The Commission shall account to the Comptroller for all of the revenue
24 under this subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The proceeds from sports wagering, less the amount retained by the
2 licensee under subsection (b)(1) of this section, shall be under the control of the Comptroller
3 and distributed as provided under subsection (b) of this section.

4 (b) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this
5 paragraph, all proceeds from sports wagering shall be electronically transferred monthly
6 into the State Lottery Fund established under Subtitle 1 of this title.

7 (ii) 1. **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2**
8 **OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, A Class A-1 and A-2 sports wagering facility licensee shall**
9 **retain 85% of the proceeds from sports wagering conducted at the locations described in §**
10 **9-1E-09(a) of this subtitle.**

11 2. **A CLASS A-1 SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE**
12 **SHALL RETAIN 80% OF THE PROCEEDS FROM SPORTS WAGERING IF THE LICENSEE**
13 **IS:**

14 A. **THE OWNER, OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE OWNER, OF A**
15 **STADIUM IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY THAT IS PRIMARILY USED FOR**
16 **PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL (NFL); OR**

17 B. **THE OWNER, OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE OWNER, OF A**
18 **PROFESSIONAL SPORTS FRANCHISE THAT IS A LESSEE OF A STADIUM IN PRINCE**
19 **GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

20 (iii) A Class B-1 and B-2 sports wagering facility licensee shall
21 retain 85% of the proceeds from sports wagering conducted at the location described in the
22 licensee's application.

23 (iv) A mobile sports wagering licensee shall retain 85% of the
24 proceeds from online sports wagering received by the licensee.

25 (2) (i) **[All] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
26 **PARAGRAPH, ALL** proceeds from sports wagering in the State Lottery Fund established
27 under Subtitle 1 of this title shall be distributed on a monthly basis, on a properly approved
28 transmittal prepared by the Commission, to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund
29 established under § 5-206 of the Education Article.

30 **(II) FROM THE PROCEEDS FROM SPORTS WAGERING**
31 **GENERATED AT A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS STADIUM LOCATED IN PRINCE GEORGE'S**
32 **COUNTY, 5% SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS, ON A PROPERLY**
33 **APPROVED TRANSMITTAL PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION, TO THE SPORTS**
34 **WAGERING COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1E-17 OF THIS**
35 **SUBTITLE.**

1 (c) A winning wager on a sporting event that is not claimed by the winner within
2 182 days after the wager is won shall:

3 (1) become the property of the State; and

4 (2) be distributed to the Problem Gambling Fund established under §
5 9-1A-33 of this title.

6 (d) If a sports wagering licensee returns to successful players more than the
7 amount of money wagered in any month, the licensee may subtract that amount from the
8 proceeds of up to the three following months.

9 **9-1E-17.**

10 (A) **IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE SPORTS WAGERING COMMUNITY**
11 **IMPACT FUND.**

12 (B) **THERE IS A SPORTS WAGERING COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND.**

13 (C) **THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO BENEFIT THE**
14 **COMMUNITIES WITHIN A 1-MILE RADIUS OF A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS STADIUM**
15 **LOCATED IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

16 (D) **THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY SHALL**
17 **ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

18 (E) (1) **THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**
19 **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

20 (2) **THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,**
21 **AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

22 (F) **THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

23 (1) **REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 9-1E-12(B)(2)(II)**
24 **OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

25 (2) **MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND**

26 (3) **ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR**
27 **THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

28 (G) **THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL**
29 **GOVERNMENTS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, ECONOMIC**

1 AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING HOUSING, AND OTHER PUBLIC
2 SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN A 1-MILE RADIUS OF THE STADIUM WHERE
3 THE PROCEEDS WERE GENERATED.

4 (H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
5 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

6 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
7 THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

8 (I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
9 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2022.