SENATE BILL 552

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By: **Senator King**
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CHAPTER _____

1   AN ACT concerning

2   Video Lottery Operation License – Renewal

3   FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain number of years before the expiration of a
4   certain term of a video lottery operation license the licensee file a certain notice with
5   the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; authorizing a video lottery
6   operation licensee, within a certain number of years after filing a certain notice, to
7   file an application to renew a certain license that includes a certain payment;
8   providing for the term of a renewed license; requiring the Commission to renew a
9   certain license unless the Commission makes a certain finding; requiring the
10   Commission to establish a certain application process; requiring the Commission,
11   under certain circumstances, to provide a licensee an opportunity for a certain
12   hearing; and generally relating to the renewal of video lottery operation licenses.

13   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14   Article – State Government
15   Section 9–1A–13
16   Annotated Code of Maryland
17   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

20   Article – State Government

21   9–1A–13.

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
     [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
     Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
     ~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by
     amendment.

1   (a)   The initial term of a video lottery operation license is 15 years from the date
2   on which the video lottery facility is issued the license by the Commission.

3   (b)   During the initial term of a video lottery operation license, the licensee shall
4   provide the Commission with an annual update of the information required under this
5   subtitle for the issuance of a license by the date set by the Commission in regulations and
6   on the form required by the Commission.

7   (c)   Two years before the expiration of the **INITIAL 15–YEAR LICENSE** term **OR**
8   **A RENEWAL TERM** of a video lottery operation license, the licensee shall file with the
9   Commission a notice of intent to [reapply for] **APPLY FOR RENEWAL OF** the license under
10   this subtitle.

11   (d)   **(1)   THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO THE FIRST RENEWAL OF A VIDEO**
12   **LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE FOLLOWING THE INITIAL 15–YEAR TERM AND EACH**
13   **SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE.**

14   **(2)   A RENEWAL OF A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE IS FOR A**
15   **TERM OF 10 YEARS.**

16   **(3)** Within 1 year [of the end of the initial 15–year license term] **AFTER**
17   **FILING A NOTICE OF INTENT UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION**, a video lottery
18   operation licensee may [reapply for a] **FILE AN APPLICATION TO RENEW A VIDEO**
19   **LOTTERY OPERATION** license [that has a license term of 10 years and a] **THAT INCLUDES**
20   **THE PAYMENT OF THE** license **RENEWAL** fee to be established by statute.

21   **(4)   ON PROPER APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A VIDEO LOTTERY**
22   **OPERATION LICENSE AND PAYMENT OF THE LICENSE RENEWAL FEE, THE**
23   **COMMISSION SHALL RENEW THE LICENSE UNLESS THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT**
24   **THE LICENSEE IS NO LONGER QUALIFIED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO HOLD A**
25   **LICENSE.**

26   **(5)   THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION PROCESS**
27   **TO RENEW A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE.**

28   **(6)   BEFORE DENYING AN APPLICATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION,**
29   **THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSEE AN**
30   **OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING.**

31   (e)   If a licensee has its license revoked or otherwise surrenders the license, the
32   video lottery operation license reverts to the State.

33   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34   October 1, 2020.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.