

# SENATE BILL 86

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By: **Senator Waldstreicher**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Online Sports Wagering – Problem Gambling Resources – Required Contact**  
3 **Information**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a mobile sports wagering licensee to publish certain contact  
5 information for the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling on the  
6 homepage of its online sports wagering website and mobile application; and  
7 generally relating to online sports wagering.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – State Government  
10 Section 9–1E–11(b)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Government**

16 9–1E–11.

17 (b) **(1)** For online sports wagering, a mobile sports wagering licensee shall:

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

20 **[(i)] 1.** age verification procedures, which may require the use of  
21 a reputable independent third party that is in the business of verifying an individual's  
22 personally identifiable information; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(ii)] 2. the use of geolocation technology to verify a bettor's  
2 geographic location;

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

7 [(3)] (III) PUBLISH PROMINENTLY ON THE HOMEPAGE OF ITS ONLINE  
8 SPORTS WAGERING WEBSITE AND MOBILE APPLICATION THE STATEMENT "IF YOU  
9 OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM, CLICK HERE OR CALL  
10 1-800-GAMBLER FOR HELP"; AND

11 (IV) establish procedures to prevent prohibited individuals from  
12 wagering on sporting events.

13 (2) THE WORDS "CLICK HERE" REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED UNDER  
14 PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CONTAIN A LINK TO THE WEBSITE  
15 OF THE MARYLAND CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING.

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