

HOUSE BILL 1002

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By: **Delegate Luedtke**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Electronic Sweepstakes – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “slot machine” to include a machine or an
4 electronic terminal commonly used in conjunction with an electronic
5 sweepstakes; and generally relating to the prohibition of an electronic
6 sweepstakes.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Criminal Law
9 Section 12–301
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Criminal Law
14 Section 12–302
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Criminal Law**

20 12–301.

21 In this subtitle:

22 (1) “slot machine” means a machine, apparatus, or device that:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) operates or can be made to operate by inserting, depositing,
2 or placing with another person money, a token, or another object; and

3 (ii) through the element of chance, the reading of a game of
4 chance, the delivery of a game of chance, or any other outcome unpredictable by the
5 user, awards the user:

6 1. money, a token, or other object that represents or that
7 can be converted into money; or

8 2. the right to receive money, a token, or another object
9 that represents and can be converted into money;

10 (2) "slot machine" includes:

11 (i) a machine, apparatus, or device described in item (1) of this
12 section that also sells, delivers, or awards merchandise, money, or some other tangible
13 thing of value; [and]

14 (ii) a pinball machine or console machine that pays off in
15 merchandise; and

16 **(III) A MACHINE OR AN ELECTRONIC TERMINAL USED IN**
17 **CONJUNCTION WITH AN ELECTRONIC SWEEPSTAKES; AND**

18 (3) "slot machine" does not include a machine, apparatus, or device
19 that:

20 (i) awards the user only free additional games or plays;

21 (ii) awards the user only noncash merchandise or noncash
22 prizes of minimal value;

23 (iii) dispenses paper pull tab tip jar tickets or paper pull tab
24 instant bingo tickets that must be opened manually by the user provided that the
25 machine, apparatus, or device does not:

26 1. read the tickets electronically;

27 2. alert the user to a winning or losing ticket; or

28 3. tabulate a player's winnings and losses;

29 (iv) 1. displays facsimiles of bingo cards that users mark and
30 monitor according to numbers called on the premises by an individual where the user
31 is operating the machine; and

