

~~of Licensing and Regulation; establishing a State tax on net gross receipts of gambling activities; providing for a certain exemption, a maximum rate of the tax, and other procedures related to the tax; providing for the distribution of the tax revenue to counties and to special funds to be used by the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Mental Hygiene Administration; providing for the membership, appointment, qualifications, oath, term, removal, ex officio members, chairman, quorum, meetings, compensation, executive director, staff, and legal adviser of the Commission; providing for the general powers of the Commission; requiring that the Commission adopt certain regulations; providing for the general, regulatory, and licensing powers and duties of the Commission with respect to certain persons that conduct gambling activities as authorized by law and under this Act; providing for the Commission's powers and duties with respect to suppliers of gambling equipment and the investigation and audit of gambling activities and the Commission; authorizing the Commission to license not more than a certain number of persons to operate casinos; providing for certain authority and limitations in connection with casino gambling; providing that the Commission shall, by regulation, set fees for licenses in amounts sufficient to cover the Commission's costs of administering this Act; allowing, under certain circumstances, the Commission to deny an application for an initial or renewed license or suspend or revoke a license issued by the Commission under this Act or any regulations adopted under this Act; providing that certain organizations and groups may be exempt from licensure under this Act; prohibiting the transfer of a license or interest in a license, except under certain circumstances; establishing a Joint Executive-Legislative Task Force to Study Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland; providing for the membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to appoint a Joint Committee on the Oversight of Gambling to designate a chairperson of the Task Force to Study Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland; requiring the Task Force to issue a certain report; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of the Joint Executive-Legislative Task Force to Study Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland. providing for the membership and duties of the Joint Committee; authorizing the Governor to appoint a Citizens' Advisory Council; making it unlawful for certain individuals and organizations to conduct certain gambling activities unless licensed under this Act; prohibiting certain acts and activities relating to gambling under this Act; providing for certain hearings and cease and desist orders; establishing the Maryland Gambling Commission Fund as a special fund; providing certain penalties for violations of this Act; defining certain terms; providing for the scope and application of this Act; requiring the Commission to develop a certain plan and certain procedures to ensure that the licensing requirements of this Act are implemented by a certain date; requiring the Commission to make certain studies and reports; and generally relating to the Maryland Gambling Commission under the Department of Licensing and Regulation and the oversight and regulation of gambling activities in the State.~~

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