

~~Section 6A-101 through 6A-801, inclusive, to be under the new title "Title 6A-  
Gambling Activities"~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1992 Volume and 1994 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article Tax General~~

~~Section 2-201, 4-201, 4-202, and 4-301~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1988 Volume and 1994 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article Tax General~~

~~Section 2-202 and 4-104(e)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1988 Volume and 1994 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article Tax General~~

~~Section 2-202, 2-203, 4-101, 4-102, and 4-105~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1988 Volume and 1994 Supplement)~~

#### Preamble

~~WHEREAS, Under current Maryland law, lottery and horse racing are authorized and regulated by the State Lottery Agency and the Maryland Racing Commission, respectively; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Under the State's criminal laws relating to gambling, codified in Article 27 of the Annotated Code, there are exceptions that permit bona fide nonprofit and charitable organizations to engage in a variety of gambling activities, including the operation of slot machines on the Eastern Shore and the conducting of bingo, casino gambling (including card games, roulette, and dice games), and the use of various gambling devices and mechanisms throughout the State; and~~

~~WHEREAS, There are also exceptions in the State gambling laws that allow commercial bingo in some counties; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Gambling activities are currently licensed or regulated at the local level in the State in accordance with a diverse set of regulatory and licensing requirements for each county; and~~

~~WHEREAS, There is a growing interest in expanding the business of gambling activities in the State; and~~

~~WHEREAS, In particular, the authorization of casino gambling in the State has the potential to add significantly to revenues for State and local government; and~~