

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Sections 11 and 12 of this Act, this Act shall take effect on the proclamation of the Governor that the constitutional amendment, having received a majority of the votes cast at the general election, has been adopted by the people of Maryland.

~~FOR the purpose of requiring the State Lottery Commission to regulate the operation of certain video lottery terminals; requiring the Governor to appoint a member of the State Racing Commission to serve as a liaison to the State Lottery Commission; requiring the State Racing Commission to award at least a certain number of racing days to a certain racecourse in each calendar year; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish certain regional centers for services to compulsive gamblers; requiring the Secretary to conduct certain studies; altering the membership of the State Lottery Commission; specifying certain requirements for members of the State Lottery Commission; requiring the Governor to appoint a member of the State Lottery Commission to serve as a liaison to the State Racing Commission; providing that members of the State Lottery Commission may be compensated as provided in the State budget; authorizing the operation of video lottery terminals connected to a certain central computer that allows the State Lottery Commission to monitor a video lottery terminal and that has certain capabilities; prohibiting access to the central computer to certain licensees with a certain exception; providing that only a person with a certain video lottery operation license may offer a video lottery terminal for public use in the State; providing that this Act is statewide and exclusive in its effect and that certain laws do not apply to video lottery terminals authorized under this Act; authorizing the State Lottery Commission to conduct certain investigations and hearings; requiring the State Lottery Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring the State Lottery Commission to require a certain bond and collect certain fees, civil penalties, and taxes; authorizing the State Lottery Commission to inspect and seize certain equipment, financial information, and records without notice or warrant; authorizing the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission to issue a certain number of video lottery operation licenses under certain circumstances; specifying limits on the number of video lottery terminals allowed in the State and at certain facilities; requiring certain video lottery terminal manufacturers, video lottery operators, video lottery employees, and other individuals required by the State Lottery Commission to be licensed; providing for the application and licensing process; establishing certain eligibility criteria and disqualifying criteria for a video lottery operation license; requiring certain licensees to maintain certain numbers of live racing days; providing that certain licensees are ineligible for certain funding and are subject to certain requirements and sanctions if a certain horse racing event or trade names and other items related to the event are transferred out of the State; requiring a certain licensee licensees to conduct a certain annual race races with certain exceptions; requiring certain licensees to submit to the State Racing Commission a certain~~