

# HOUSE BILL 630

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By: **Delegate Grammer**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2020

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Video Lottery Terminals – Hybrid Game of Chance**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “video lottery terminal” to allow certain games  
4 in which a combination of chance and skill may affect the outcome; defining a certain  
5 term; and generally relating to video lottery terminals in the State.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – State Government  
8 Section 9–1A–01(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – State Government  
13 Section 9–1A–01(n–1)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – State Government  
18 Section 9–1A–01(dd)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – State Government**

24 9–1A–01.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

**(N-1) “HYBRID GAME OF CHANCE” MEANS A GAMBLING GAME IN WHICH A COMBINATION OF THE ELEMENTS OF CHANCE AND THE SKILL OF THE PLAYER MAY AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF THE GAME.**

(dd) (1) “Video lottery terminal” means any machine or other device that, on insertion of a bill, coin, token, voucher, ticket, coupon, or similar item, or on payment of any consideration:

(i) is available to play or simulate the play of:

**1. any game of chance in which the results, including the options available to the player, are randomly determined by the machine or other device; OR**

**2. ANY HYBRID GAME OF CHANCE IN WHICH THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE PLAYER ARE RANDOMLY DETERMINED BY THE MACHINE OR OTHER DEVICE; and**

(ii) by the element of chance **OR A COMBINATION OF THE ELEMENTS OF CHANCE AND THE SKILL OF THE PLAYER**, may deliver or entitle the player who operates the machine or device to receive cash, premiums, merchandise, tokens, or anything of value, whether the payout is made automatically from the device or in any other manner.

(2) “Video lottery terminal” includes a machine or device:

(i) that does not directly dispense money, tokens, or anything of value to winning players; and

(ii) described under paragraph (1) of this subsection that uses an electronic credit system making the deposit of bills, coins, or tokens unnecessary.

(3) “Video lottery terminal” does not include an authorized slot machine operated by an eligible organization under Title 12, Subtitle 3 of the Criminal Law Article.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.**