

SENATE BILL 771

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By: **Senator Patterson**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency – Gaming Study – Use of Gaming**
3 **Proceeds**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to conduct a
5 certain study; requiring the Agency to report its findings to the Governor and the
6 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this
7 Act; and generally relating to a study by the State Lottery and Gaming Control
8 Agency.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (a) The State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency shall study:

12 (1) the distribution and use of local impact grants distributed under Title
13 9, Subtitle 1A of the State Government Article, including:

14 (i) identifying the type of games that generate the revenue for the
15 local impact grants; and

16 (ii) determining whether local impact grants are being utilized as
17 intended under State law or the multiyear plan required under § 9–1A–31(d) of the State
18 Government Article;

19 (2) the use of the Problem Gambling Fund established under § 9–1A–33 of
20 the State Government Article, including:

21 (i) an accounting of all revenue distributed to the Fund;

22 (ii) the location and accessibility of any service centers established
23 with money from the Fund; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(iii) the effectiveness of the Fund in deterring problem gambling; and

(3) the use of video lottery proceeds distributed to the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business Account established under § 5-1501 of the Economic Development Article, including:

(i) an accounting of the use of any video lottery proceeds distributed to the Account;

(ii) the current fund balance of the Account and amount of unused fund balance for any prior fiscal year;

(iii) an analysis of the amounts awarded from the Account by location and racial classification; and

(iv) a comparison of the procedures the Account uses to lend money to the procedures a bank uses to lend money.

(b) On or before December 1, 2020, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency shall report its findings to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2021, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.