

November 19, 2007

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On November 19, 2007, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation that you passed:

HB 1 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 2 BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT

Repealing specified provisions relating to State aid to specified counties; altering the calculation of State aid for public elementary and secondary education; altering the calculation of State aid to community colleges, Baltimore City Community College, and specified nonpublic institutions of higher education; authorizing the governing body of a county to increase the percent of the assessment of specified personal property that is subject to the county property tax under specified circumstances; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 2 The President (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 3 TAX REFORM ACT OF 2007

Altering the rates and rate brackets under the State individual income tax; applying income tax rates to nonresidents; expanding the sales and use tax to specified services; increasing the corporate income tax rate from 7% to 8.25%; imposing recordation and transfer taxes on the transfer of controlling interest in specified real property owning entities; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 3 The President (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 4 MARYLAND EDUCATION TRUST FUND – VIDEO LOTTERY
TERMINALS

Requiring the State Lottery Commission to regulate the operation of video lottery terminals for commercial gaming; creating a Video Lottery Facility Location Commission; authorizing the Commission to issue a limited number of video lottery operation licenses; limiting the number of terminals; requiring that video lottery terminal gaming proceeds be distributed to the Education Trust Fund for educational purposes and to the Purse Dedication Account for horse racing; requiring services for problem gamblers; etc.

Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution, the following constitutional amendment has been assigned a chapter number:

HB 4 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 5 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – AUTHORIZATION AND
LIMITATIONS

Adding a new article to the Maryland Constitution to authorize video lottery terminal gaming in the State for the primary purpose of providing funds for public education; limiting the number of video lottery terminals; limiting the number of licenses that the State may issue to operate video lottery terminals; limiting the number of locations for the operation of video lottery terminals; requiring a video lottery facility to comply with planning and zoning laws of the local jurisdiction; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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