

# HOUSE BILL 35

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Casino Gaming – Conditions and Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that if legislation is enacted authorizing for-profit  
4 casino gaming in the State, the State entity designated to license and regulate  
5 the casino gaming shall require that the casino gaming be conducted in not  
6 more than a certain number of casinos, that successful applicants for casino  
7 licenses engage in certain agreements and meet certain standards, and that  
8 casino employees be paid at least the State’s living wage; defining a certain  
9 term; and generally relating to casino gaming.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – State Government

12 Section 9–1A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 1A. Casino Gaming”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 **SUBTITLE 1A. CASINO GAMING.**

19 **9–1A–01.**

20 (A) **IN THIS SECTION, “CASINO GAMING” MEANS:**

21 (1) **CARD GAMES;**

22 (2) **DICE GAMES;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(3) ROULETTE;**

2           **(4) SLOT MACHINE GAMING; OR**

3           **(5) GAMING INVOLVING VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS OR ANY**  
4 **OTHER ELECTRONIC CONTRIVANCES, MACHINES, OR DEVICES THAT, ON**  
5 **INSERTION OF A COIN, TOKEN, OR SIMILAR OBJECT OR ON PAYMENT OF**  
6 **CONSIDERATION, MAY BE PLAYED OR OPERATED, THE PLAY OR OPERATION OF**  
7 **WHICH, WHETHER BY SKILL OR CHANCE, ENTITLES THE PLAYER OR OPERATOR**  
8 **TO RECEIVE TOKENS OR ANYTHING OF VALUE, INCLUDING CASH, PREMIUMS,**  
9 **AND MERCHANDISE.**

10           **(B) IF LEGISLATION IS ENACTED AUTHORIZING FOR-PROFIT CASINO**  
11 **GAMING IN THE STATE, THE STATE ENTITY DESIGNATED TO LICENSE AND**  
12 **REGULATE THE CASINO GAMING SHALL:**

13           **(1) REQUIRE THAT THE CASINO GAMING BE CONDUCTED IN NOT**  
14 **MORE THAN THREE STAND-ALONE CASINOS AT LOCATIONS THAT THE STATE**  
15 **ENTITY DETERMINES TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY**  
16 **AND OTHER NEARBY ENTERTAINMENT OR GAMING ESTABLISHMENTS;**

17           **(2) ISSUE A CASINO LICENSE ONLY TO AN APPLICANT THAT:**

18                   **(I) ENGAGES IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**  
19 **OR AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT, WITH**  
20 **ORGANIZED LABOR; AND**

21                   **(II) SUBMITS A PLAN FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF**  
22 **THE AREA SURROUNDING THE CASINO THAT MEETS THE STANDARDS THAT THE**  
23 **STATE ENTITY SETS; AND**

24           **(3) REQUIRE THAT ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES AT EACH CASINO BE**  
25 **PAID AT LEAST THE STATE'S LIVING WAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 18-103 OF**  
26 **THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

27           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2008.