

SENATE BILL 755

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By: **Senator Dyson**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Slot Machine Gaming Referendum – Campaign Finance**
3 **Reports ~~by Corporations~~**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~a corporation~~ certain persons to file certain information
5 on a certain form ~~about itself and its activities~~ in connection with a certain slot
6 machine gaming referendum; requiring ~~the corporation~~ certain persons
7 thereafter to file certain campaign finance reports with regard to ~~its~~
8 expenditures in connection with a certain slot machine gaming referendum;
9 requiring a ballot issue committee that is formed to promote the success or
10 defeat of a certain slot machine gaming referendum to file an additional
11 campaign finance report at a certain time; and generally relating to
12 expenditures and the filing of campaign finance reports by ~~a corporation~~ certain
13 persons in connection with a certain slot machine gaming referendum.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article 1 – Rules of Interpretation
16 Section 15
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Chapter 4 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2007 Special Session
21 Section 10

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **Article 1 – Rules of Interpretation**

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3 Unless such a construction would be unreasonable, the word person shall
4 include corporation, partnership, business trust, or limited liability company.

5 **Chapter 4 of the Acts of the Special Session of 2007**

6 SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

7 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

8 (2) “Ballot issue committee” has the meaning stated in § 1–101(f) of
9 the Election Law Article.

10 (3) “Campaign finance report” has the meaning stated in § 1–101(i) of
11 the Election Law Article.

12 (4) ~~“Campaign material~~ **EXPENDITURE** has the meaning stated in §
13 ~~1–101(k)~~ § 1–101(y) of the Election Law Article.

14 (b) A ballot issue committee that is formed to promote the success or defeat
15 of the constitutional amendment proposed by Chapter 5 (S.B. 4/H.B. 4) of the Acts of
16 the General Assembly of the Special Session of 2007 shall file, in addition to the
17 campaign finance reports required under § 13–309 of the Election Law Article, a
18 campaign finance report:

19 (1) on or before the fourth Friday immediately preceding the 2008
20 general election; AND

21 (2) ON OR BEFORE THE SECOND FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY
22 PRECEDING THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION.

23 (c) A ~~corporation~~ **PERSON** that ~~cumulatively spends~~ **MAKES**
24 **EXPENDITURES THAT TOTAL** more than \$10,000 ~~on campaign material~~ to promote
25 the success or defeat of the constitutional amendment proposed by Chapter 5 (S.B.
26 4/H.B. 4) of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Special Session of 2007 shall:

27 (1) **WITHIN 7 DAYS OF MAKING CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES**
28 **MORE THAN \$10,000, FILE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF**
29 **ELECTIONS:**

30 (I) **THE NAME OF THE ~~CORPORATION~~ PERSON;**

1 (II) THE NAME OF THE ~~OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION~~
2 PERSON WHO DIRECTS THE EXPENDITURES AND THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL
3 WHO ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE
4 REPORTS AS REQUIRED UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE ELECTION LAW
5 ARTICLE AND THIS ACT;

6 (III) THE BUSINESS ADDRESS OF THE ~~CORPORATION~~
7 PERSON; AND

8 (IV) WHETHER THE ~~CORPORATION~~ PERSON IS EXPENDING
9 FUNDS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT;

10 (2) AFTER FILING THE FORM REQUIRED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS
11 SUBSECTION, file [a] ALL campaign finance [report] REPORTS on the same dates, IN
12 THE SAME MANNER, AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME SANCTIONS, as required for a
13 ballot issue committee under [§ 13-309] TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 3 of the Election Law
14 Article and this Act; and

15 [(2)] (3) include the information required under § 13-401 of the
16 Election Law Article on all campaign material published or distributed by the
17 ~~corporation~~ PERSON to promote the success or defeat of the constitutional amendment
18 proposed by Chapter 5 (S.B. 4/H.B. 4) of the Acts of the General Assembly of the
19 Special Session of 2007.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 June 1, 2008.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.