

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 6/13/95

**Reference No.:** CB-44-1995

**Proposer:** County Executive

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** MacKinnon

**Item Title:** Emergency Act to establish procedures concerning imposition and collection of a casino night levy, provide certain reporting & recording requirements; amend casino night regulations, etc.

**Drafter:** Kathleen Canning  
Office of Law

**Resource Personnel:** Barbara L. Holtz  
Office of Law

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Executive Action:** 6/27/95 S

**Committee Referral:**(1) 5/23/95 PSFM

**Effective Date:** 6/27/95

**Committee Action:**(1) 6/7/95 FAV

**Date Introduced:** 5/23/95

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) 6/13/95 1:30 PM

**Council Action:** (1) 6/13/95 Enacted

**Council Votes:** AMc:A, DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:N, WM:A, RVR:AB, AS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date: 6/7/95

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Estep, Gourine, Maloney and Russell).

This emergency legislation provides a levy of 20% on the gross receipts from gaming activities at casino nights effective July 1, 1995. House Bill 597, which was passed by the General Assembly, allows the County to impose a levy of not more than 20% on the gross receipts of casino nights. Also, the bill provides for the administration, collection and reporting requirements of casino night receipts.

The estimated revenue of \$6 million assumes the volume of casino night gambling as reported in the most recent available information - the unaudited records from FY94. The anticipated proceeds to be derived from this levy are included in the FY96 budget.

Steve Novak, Crescent Cities Jaycees, stated that the casino organizations had agreed to a 10% and not 20% levy. The 20% will cause many organizations to cease holding casino nights.

It was requested by members of the Committee that the issue of the expansion of African American groups to obtain casino night permits be thoroughly examined. Also, the Council should explore other areas for alternative revenues.

The Office of Law has requested that this legislation be amended after the Public Hearing on June 13, 1995.

There should be a positive fiscal impact on the County in the amount of approximately \$6 million per year with the enactment of CB-44-1995.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT  
(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

This emergency act will impose a levy on 20% of the gross receipts derived from gaming activities which occur at a casino night regulated pursuant to Section 5-118.01 of the Code. The Director of Finance will compute and collect the levy. The legislation also sets forth procedures for levy refunds, and establishes civil and criminal penalties.

Amendments are also made to Subtitle 5, Division 2A concerning casino nights which clarify definitions, and amends reporting requirements, penalties, and the Director's ability to approve/disapprove applications for casino night permits.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**