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Bill No. CB-9-1996

Chapter No. 7

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Estep

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Council Member Estep

Co-Sponsors

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BILL

AN ACT concerning

Casino Nights

For the purpose of amending certain provisions regulating casino night events and transferring permit responsibilities to the Gaming Permit Review Board.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

Sections 5-118.04 and 5-118.04.02,

The Prince George's County Code

(1991 Edition, 1994 Supplement,

as amended by CB-44-1995 and CB-98-1995).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 5-118.04 and 5-118.04.02 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

DIVISION 2A. CASINO NIGHTS.

Sec. 5-118.04. Permit required; fees.

(a) Before operating a casino night, a group or organization shall first obtain a written permit from the Department. Application shall be made on forms provided by the Department

and submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the first event.

(b) Before a group or an organization may obtain a permit to conduct a casino night, an officer of the group or organization shall certify that the group or organization has been located in Prince George's County for at least two (2) years or that a majority of the officers and directors of the organization have been residents of Prince George's County for at least two (2) years.

(c) The application fee for a permit shall be as established by resolution of the County Council.

(d) The permit enforcement fee shall be as established by resolution of the County Council.

(e) Permits may be issued on a yearly basis.

(f) The number of permits issued for the operation of casino nights may not exceed twenty-one (21) at any time; twenty full time and one rotating part time.

(g) Applications for [joint] permits pursuant to Sections 5-118.04 and 5-118.04.01 shall be submitted to the Gaming Permit Review Board established under Section 5-118.04.02, together with the Director's recommendation, if any. The Gaming Permit Review Board shall make the final decision within forty-five (45) days of the date the application is filed.

Sec. 5-118.04.02. Gaming Permit Review Board.

(a) There shall be a Gaming Permit Review Board, which shall consist of three (3) members, each of whom shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. The County Executive shall designate one member to serve as chairman and one member to serve as vice-chairman. The members shall serve without compensation for terms of four (4) years. The County Executive shall designate by executive order the agency responsible for providing staff assistance to the Gaming Permit Review Board.

(b) The Gaming Permit Review Board shall be responsible for approving any application for a new permit under Section 5-118.04 or a joint permit to be awarded under Section 5-118.04.01. The Board shall not be responsible for hearing appeals within the jurisdiction of the Board of Administrative Appeals, nor shall the Board have responsibility for making decisions concerning renewal, modification, suspension or revocation of any permit.

(c) Any party aggrieved by a decision of the Board may appeal to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County within thirty (30) days of the date of the final decision of the Board.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 9th day of April, 1996.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Stephen J. Del Giudice
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY:

Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.