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2021 Maryland Legislative Update: Gambling-Related Bills

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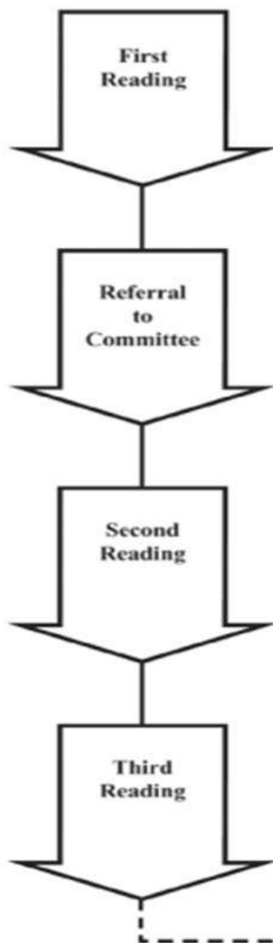
- Legislative Process Overview
- The Center's Role in Annapolis
- Gambling Bills of Interest



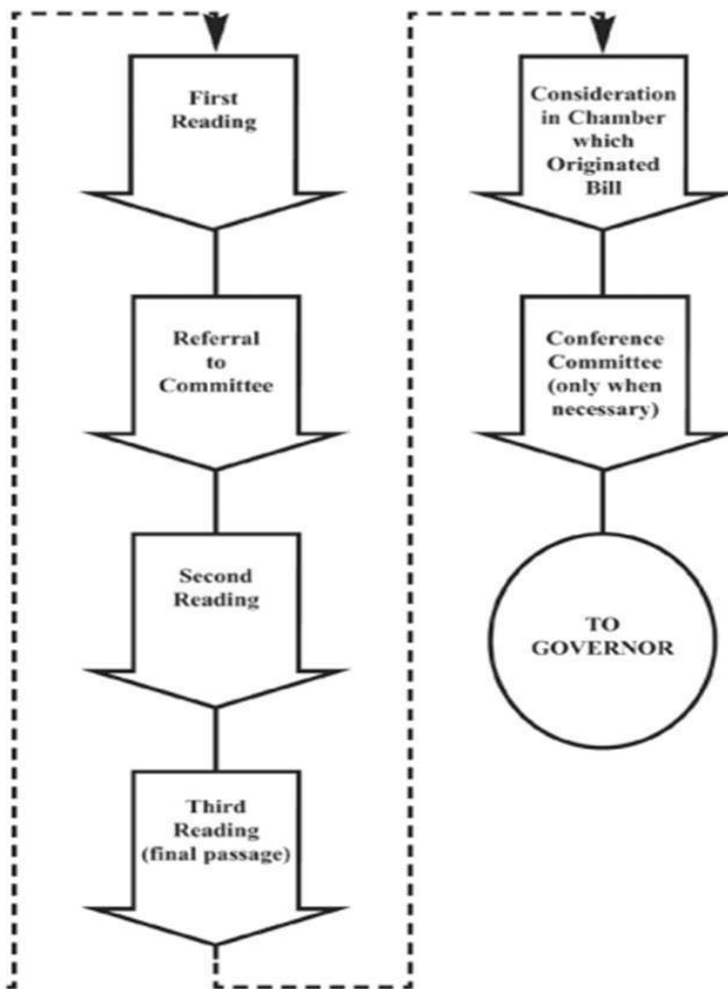
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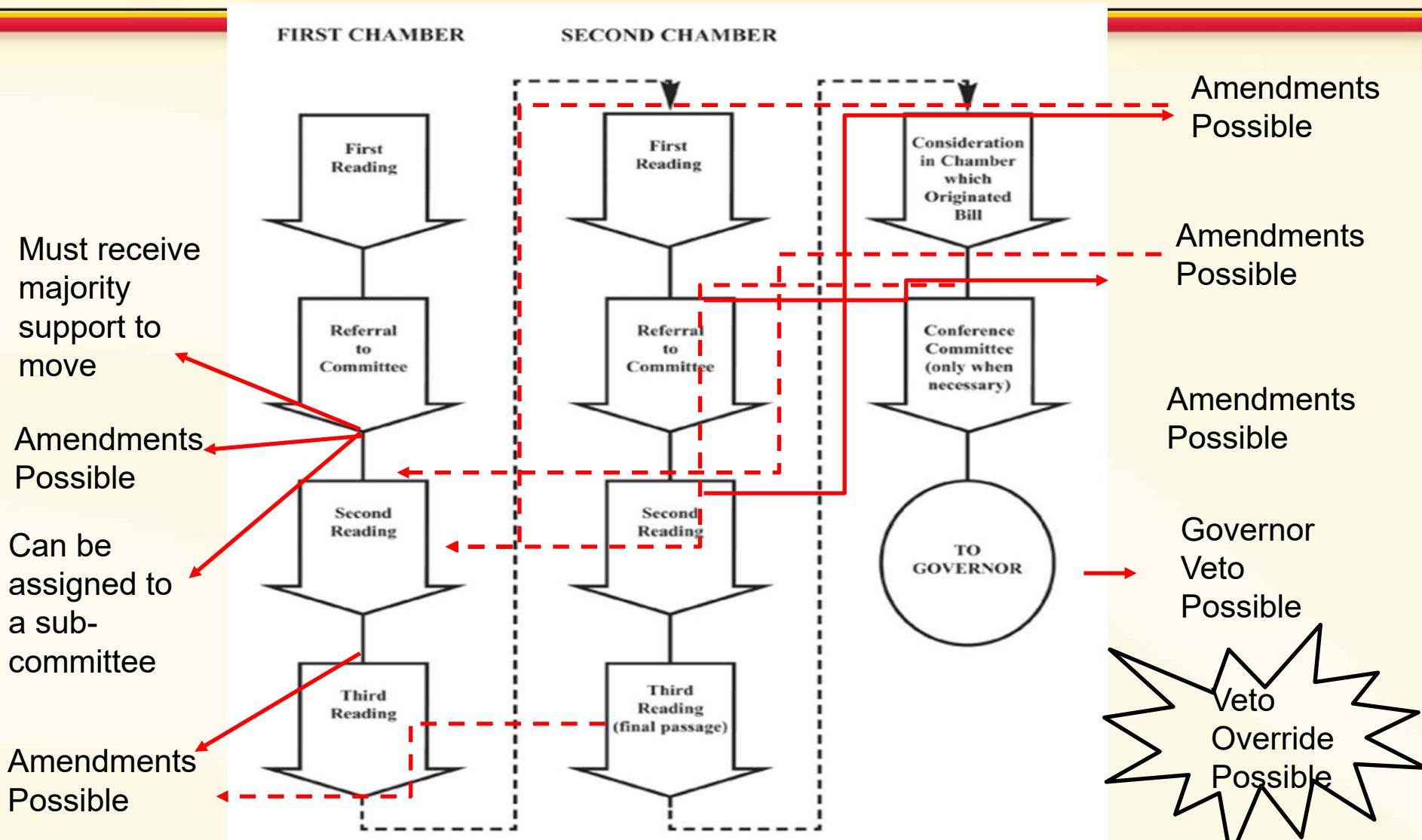
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SECOND CHAMBER



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The Role We Play

- Monitor What's Happening
- Talk to Members
 - In-person visits; provide one-pager; provide your contact information
- Educate the Public
- Hearings

But how are these roles limited?



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Advocacy vs. Lobbying

Lobbying

“To conduct activities aimed at influencing public officials and especially members of a legislative body *on legislation*.”

Advocacy

“The act or process of supporting a particular cause or proposal.”

...So what's the difference?



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2021 Maryland Legislative Session

- January 13-April 12
- Changes due to COVID
- February 5th – House bill introduction date
- February 8th – Senate bill introduction date
- Tracking 30 Gambling bills



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HB388/SB45: State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency - Gaming Study - Use of Gaming Proceeds

- This bill requires the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to conduct a study on the:
 - Type of games that generate revenue for the local impact grants
 - Use of the Problem Gambling Fund
 - Use of video lottery proceeds distributed to the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Business Account
- Report due December 21, 2021



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HB553: State Lottery Tickets - Prohibition on Internet Sales - Repeal

- This bill repeals a law that makes it illegal for the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to allow a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through a device that connects to the Internet
- Lottery currently sells subscriptions through the mail and they would like people to be able to buy subscriptions in a more convenient way
- Strong opposition



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SB24/HB897: Gaming – Sports and Event Wagering License – Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc

- Requires the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue a sports and event wagering license to the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc
- HB has been withdrawn by sponsor at the request of the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc



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SB243: Public High Schools - Health Education - Gambling Dangers and Addiction

- Requires the State Department of Education to develop a program for high school students to learn about the dangers and addictions associated with gambling
- The program would be required one time for students during grades 9-12



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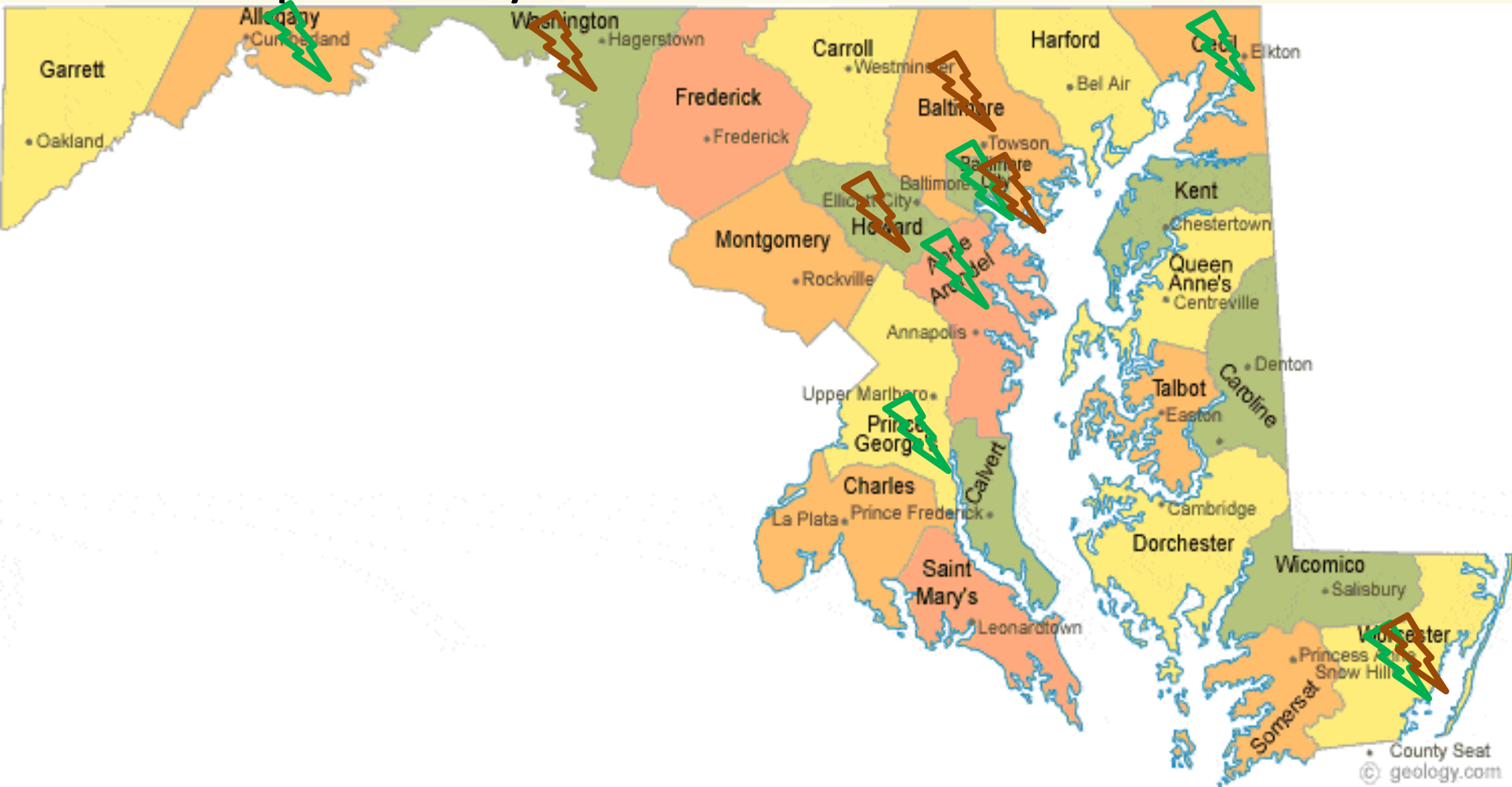
HB940: Gaming - Regulation of Fantasy Gaming Competitions and Implementation of Sports Wagering

- Regulatory body: Lottery and Gaming Control Commission
- In person/online/self-service kiosk machine
- Licensees:
 - Casinos
 - Racetracks
 - Up to five other applicants
 - Up to ten mobile sports wagering licenses
- Sports: horse racing, professional baseball or football, or anything else approved by the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission



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Map of Maryland **Casinos** and **Racetracks**



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Bills Requiring Specific Sports Betting Licensees

- SB24/HB897: Gaming – Sports and Event Wagering License – Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc
- SB850/HB1224: Gaming - Sports and Event Wagering License - Long Shot's
- SB871: Gaming - Sports and Event Wagering License - Washington County Minor League Baseball Team



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Legislative Tracking

- Gambling
- Injury Prevention
- Tobacco
- Marijuana
- Alcohol
- Opioids
- COVID-19

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to be added to the listserv



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