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HOUSE BILL NO. 1163

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-340.17 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Charitable Gaming Commission.

Patrons—Albo, Armstrong, Bryant, Cantor, Davis, Day, Drake, Ingram, Jones, S.C., May, McClure, Reid, Wagner and Woodrum; Senators: Bolling, Hawkins, Martin and Schrock

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 18.2-340.17 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 18.2-340.17. Charitable Gaming Commission established.

A. There is hereby established, in the Office of the Secretary of Administration, the Charitable Gaming Commission. The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Each member of the Commission shall have been a resident of the Commonwealth for a period of at least three years next preceding his appointment, and his continued residency shall be a condition of his tenure in office. To the extent practicable, the Commission shall consist of individuals from different geographic regions of the Commonwealth. Upon initial appointment, three members shall be appointed for four-year terms, two for three-year terms, and two for two-year terms. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for four-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. Each Commission member shall be eligible for reappointment for a second consecutive term at the discretion of the Governor. Persons who are first appointed to initial terms of less than four years shall thereafter be eligible for reappointment to two consecutive terms of four years each. The Commission shall elect a chairman from among its members. No member of the General Assembly while serving as a member shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission.

B. The members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

C. ~~Each member of the Commission shall receive fifty dollars for each day or part thereof spent in the performance of his duties, and in addition shall be reimbursed for his reasonable expenses incurred therein~~ *each member of the Commission shall receive such compensation and reimbursement for his reasonable expenses as provided in § 2.1-20.3.*

D. A quorum shall consist of four members. The decision of a majority of those members present and voting shall constitute a decision of the Commission.

E. The Commission shall adopt rules and procedures for the conduct of its business. The Commission shall establish and maintain a business office within the Commonwealth at a place to be determined by the Commission. The Commission shall meet at least six times a year, and other meetings may be held at any time or place determined by the Commission or upon call of the chairman or upon a written request to the chairman by any two members. *Except for emergency meetings and meetings governed by § 2.1-343.1 requiring a longer notice, A*all members shall be duly notified of the time and place of any regular or other meeting at least ten days in advance of such meetings.

F. The Commission shall keep a complete and accurate record of its proceedings. A copy of the record *and any other public records not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act* shall be available for public inspection and copying *during regular office hours at its principal office.*

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