**HOUSE BILL NO. 61** 

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 11-14 and 11-15 of the Code of Virginia, relating to gaming contracts.

Patrons—Marshall and McDonnell

Referred to Committee on Science and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

## 1. That §§ 11-14 and 11-15 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 11-14. Gaming contracts void.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, all wagers, conveyances, assurances, and all contracts and securities whereof the whole or any part of the consideration is money or other valuable thing won, laid, or bet, at any game, horse race, sport or pastime, all transactions made for the purpose of gaming, betting, or wagering over the Internet, other than for such activity related to the state lottery, and all contracts to repay any money knowingly lent at the time and place of such game, race, sport or pastime, to any person for the purpose of so gaming, betting, or wagering, or to repay any money so lent to any person who shall, at such time and place, so pay, bet or wager, shall be utterly void.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a contract governing the distribution of state lottery proceeds shall be valid and enforceable as between the parties to the contract.

§ 11-15. Recovery of money or property lost in gaming.

Any person who shall, by playing at any game or betting on the sides or hands of such as play at any game, lose within twenty-four hours, the sum or value of five dollars, or more, and pay or deliver the same, or any part thereof, may, within three months next following, recover from the winner, the money or the value of the goods so lost and paid or delivered, with costs of suit in civil action, either by suit or warrant, according to the amount or value thereof.

If a person conducts a transaction over the Internet for the purpose of gaming, betting, or wagering over the Internet, other than for such activity related to the state lottery, no person or entity may recover the amount of such transaction or any other costs related to such transaction.