

#COMMERCIAL GAMBLING LEGALIZATION ACT OF 2021

##A BILL

To legalize gambling in the Commonwealth of Greater Appalachia

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Greater Appalachia:

##SECTION I. SHORT TITLE

** (1) ** This legislation shall be known as the “Commercial Gambling Legalization Act of 2021.”

##SECTION II. ASSEMBLY FINDINGS

** (1) ** The Assembly of the Commonwealth of Greater Appalachia does find that:

> (a) According to Statista, the gambling industry contributes approximately [\$137.5 billion to the economy of the United States on an annual basis and directly employs around 730 thousand people across the nation](<https://www.statista.com/topics/1368/gambling/>).

> (b) According to Statista, as of 2018, the gaming market revenue was around \$79.42 billion.

> (c) Gambling is a victimless crime that the government should not force upon an individual nor prohibit an individual from engaging in entirely.

##SECTION III. IMPLEMENTATION

** (1) ** [Part 1 of Article 37 of Subchapter XI of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes](https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByChapter/Chapter_14.html) shall be struck.

** (2) ** [Part 2 of Article 37 of Subchapter XI of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes](https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByChapter/Chapter_14.html) shall be struck.

(3) [Part 4 of Article 37 of Subchapter XI of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes](https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByChapter/Chapter_14.html) shall be struck.

SECTION IV. GAMING CONTROL BOARD

(1) Herein is established the Gaming Control Board, with six Board members and one Chairman all appointed by the Governor.

(2) The Board shall establish rules of procedure and meeting through regulations.

(3) The Board shall be tasked with regulating gaming to ensure the safety of persons and animals in the gaming industry and shall be empowered to make regulations, conduct hearings, subpoena any individual, and demand any information or evidence necessary to enforce the provisions of this section.

SECTION V. ENACTMENT

(1) Severability.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, if any provision of this section, or any amendment made by this section, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, this section and amendments made by this section and the application of such provision or amendment to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(2) This Act shall go into effect 90 days after the passage of the act through the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Greater Appalachia.

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