

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No.
3 127 entitled “An act relating to sports wagering” respectfully reports that it has
4 considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that
5 the report of the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General
6 Affairs be amended by striking out the fifth instance of amendment and
7 inserting in lieu thereof a new fifth instance of amendment to read as follows:

8 Fifth: In Sec. 2a, appropriations, by striking out subsections (a) and (b) in
9 their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 (a) In fiscal year 2024, the following sums are appropriated from the Sports
11 Wagering Fund:

12 (1) \$250,000.00 to the Department of Mental Health for purposes of
13 establishing and administering the Problem Gambling Program;

14 (2) \$550,000.00 to the Department of Liquor and Lottery in anticipation
15 of receipts from sports wagering operator fees; and

16 (3) \$100,000.00 to the Agency of Digital Services for purposes of
17 establishing the self-exclusion program required by this act.

18 (b) The appropriation to the Problem Gambling Program in subsection (a)
19 of this section will be combined with the fiscal year 2024 funding from the
20 State Lottery Fund for the same purpose. Any contract scope of work,

1 memorandum of understanding parameters, or program design shall be
2 executed in consultation with the Chief Prevention Officer.

3 (1) On or before January 15, 2024, the Department of Mental Health,
4 Department of Liquor and Lottery, and Chief Prevention Officer shall report to
5 the General Assembly on the status of the Problem Gambling Program,
6 Program funding, and the actual and projected use of the Program. The report
7 shall detail how the Program funding aligns with other similar programs.

8 (2) The report required by this subsection shall include
9 recommendations for allocations for problem gambling programs:

10 (A) for fiscal year 2025, in the form of a specific appropriation from
11 each enterprise fund; and

12 (B) for fiscal year 2026 and after, in the form of a recommended
13 minimum appropriation or percentage of revenue allocation from each
14 enterprise fund.

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE