

The **New Statute**

The new law can be found in Section 10-136 and 10-137 of the Criminal Code, under the new part “Part V. Table Games and Video Lottery Violations” in the Annotated Code of Maryland. Violation of this law is a civil offense for which a law enforcement officer may issue a citation.



Individuals Under 18

Under the new law, citations to individuals under the age of 18 will be adjudicated in the juvenile court system. Punishment of juvenile offenders is at the discretion of the judge, and may include fines, community service or mandated participation in counseling for problem gambling.



Individuals Aged 18-20

Individuals 18 to 20 years old issued a citation will receive a summons from the District Court to appear for trial; failure to respond to the summons is contempt of court. At trial, the State bears the burden of proving the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, which is the same burden of proof as in criminal cases.

If a defendant is found guilty of a code violation the District Court may impose the following:

- For a First Violation a fine not to exceed \$100;
- For a Second Violation a fine not to exceed \$500; and
- For a Third or subsequent violation, a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and participation in gambling addiction treatment.

Addressing **Violations**

First and Second Offense

Education Resources for Families and Professionals are available and also can be found at:

Refer teen to:

mdproblemgambling.com/help-for-teens

Refer parents to:

mdproblemgambling.com/help-for-parents

Warning Signs of Problem Gambling:

mdproblemgambling.com/warning-signs

Self-Evaluation:

mdproblemgambling.com/self-evaluation

What is a Gambling Problem:

mdproblemgambling.com/what-is-a-gambling-problem

Third Offense

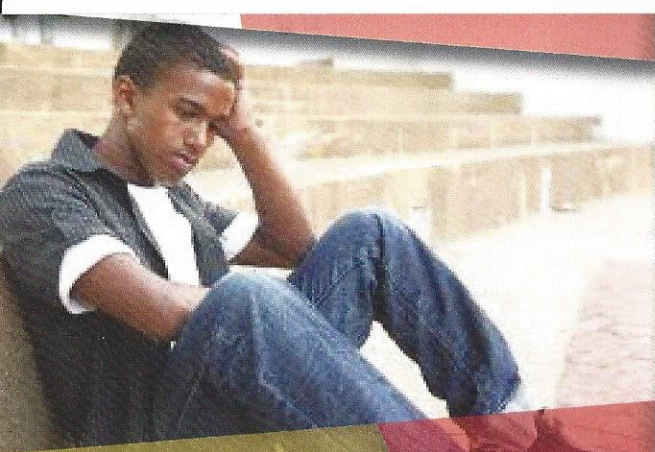
Along with the established fine, mandatory referral to a **Prevention Manager** at The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling which offers training for adolescence on problem gambling through a program called **Smart Choices**.

The program addresses knowledge, attitudes and behavior of underage gambling. The Prevention Manager will assist the adolescent and parents to identify appropriate assessment and counseling resources.

For more information call

**The Maryland Center of
Excellence on Problem Gambling
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The Growing Underage Gambling Problem

The trend has carried over among adolescents, with evidence indicating rates of 4 to 8 percent of adolescents having a serious gambling problem and another 10-15 percent at-risk.

Research estimates that in Maryland there are 47,000 to 50,000 adolescents aged 12-17 and 18,000 to 25,000 college age young adults that fit those criteria.

Research has shown younger adolescents are especially vulnerable to developing problem gambling behavior.

With this legislation, Maryland joins 23 other states with legal casino gambling in imposing penalties on underage persons found gambling or on a casino floor.

Resources

 **The Network**
for Public Health Law

The Network provides insightful legal assistance, helpful resources and opportunities to build connections for local, tribal, state and federal officials; public health practitioners; attorneys; policy-makers; and advocates.



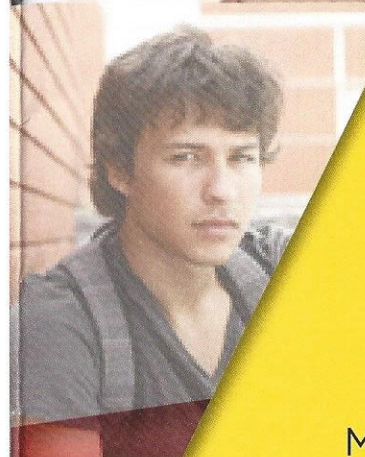
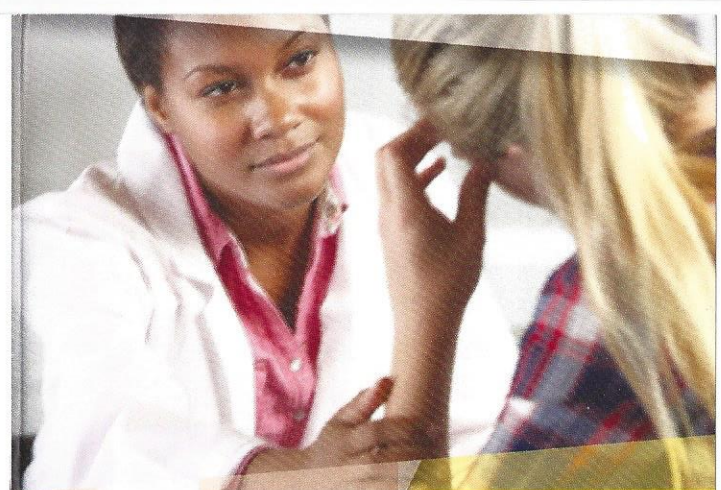
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The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling promotes healthy and informed choices regarding gambling and problem gambling through treatment, prevention, training and education, outreach and public awareness, research and public policy.

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