



# PENNSYLVANIA BARS AND CLUBS COULD GET BIG BOOST FROM LEGALIZED VGTs

**P**ennsylvania legislators have their work cut out for them when it comes to addressing the Commonwealth's growing budget deficit. The fiscal year-to-date collections are \$450 million below estimate and are expected to fall over \$900 million by the end of the fiscal year; \$3 billion by the end of FY 2017-2018. This is a serious problem and one that really only has two possible solutions. Pennsylvania either raises taxes or it needs to find more revenue.

The legalization of video gaming terminals (VGTs) in Pennsylvania could produce as much as \$400 million in annual revenue for the Commonwealth; this is in addition to the revenue it would also provide the owners of bars, restaurants and clubs as well as professional operators. That's a substantial revenue stream that is currently untapped - *but that has the potential to change very soon.*

A lot of movement is taking place in Pennsylvania's Capitol that indicates a bill to legalize VGTs could be introduced as early as this month, with the potential to be passed with the 2017-2018 budget. Like

any gaming issue, it's likely that this will be heavily discussed and debated. However, this is a valuable and sustainable revenue stream for Pennsylvania that it cannot afford to put on the backburner.

## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR LOCATION OWNERS

The legalization of VGTs will help more than just the Commonwealth. Restaurants, bars, Veterans Clubs, Fraternal Clubs and various other locations will gain substantial revenue to help grow their businesses.

The additional income will help locations improve their facilities and attract more patrons. Locations that are currently struggling to stay open will have a new opportunity to stay in business and remain vibrant partners with the community and local charities.



It will bring complete accountability and transparency to the industry, ensuring regulations and oversight that work to reduce problem gaming, where currently this is lacking.

## IT'S NOT A DONE DEAL YET

Before Pennsylvania can celebrate its accomplishment of legalizing VGTs, providing substantial revenue for the Commonwealth and giving locations a new opportunity to grow their businesses, this first needs to become reality.

Location owners are a key piece of this puzzle. They have the knowledge and influence to help urge their local legislators to sign this bill into law with the 2017-2018 budget.

It's as simple as making two phone calls. One to your State Representative and one to your State Senator. They can't fully understand the impact this will have on local business owners until they are told!

**More facts and information about the legalization of VGTs can be found at [www.PAVGA.org](http://www.PAVGA.org).** ■

# BAR & CLUB OWNERS

## WHAT WILL YOUR FUTURE WITH VGTs LOOK LIKE?



## IT'S TIME FOR PENNSYLVANIA TO ADOPT VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS, AND WHEN WE DO, HERE'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN...

- Locations will receive substantial revenue to help grow their business.
- The additional income will help locations improve their facilities and attract more patrons.
- VFWs, bars and restaurants, struggling to stay open, will have a new opportunity to stay in business and remain vibrant partners with local charities.
- Once fully implemented, VGTs are expected to generate \$400 million in annual revenue for the Commonwealth.
- It will put an end to the thousands of illegal VTG's that currently exist throughout PA.
- It will bring complete transparency and accountability to the industry.

VGTs will create a solid business model that is stable, profitable and valuable so that it can be passed down to future generations!

## TAKE ACTION NOW!

- ▶ **CALL** your Pennsylvania State Senator and Representative to inform them of this valuable opportunity! Need help finding your Senator or Representative? Visit [www.legis.state.pa.us](http://www.legis.state.pa.us).
- ▶ **VISIT** [www.PAVGA.org](http://www.PAVGA.org) for facts, resources and more ways to get involved!



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*Legalizing VGTs is not an option, it's a necessity to help Pennsylvania and its hardworking businesses thrive. Make your voice heard today!*