



PA TAKES MAJOR STEP TOWARD LEGALIZING VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS WITH HOUSE BILL 271

On March 27, Representatives Mark Mustio (R-Allegheny) and Mike Sturla (D-Lancaster), along with 46 cosponsors, introduced House Bill 271. This bill has the potential to add hundreds of millions of dollars of annual revenue to Pennsylvania through the legalization of operator-based video gaming terminals (VGTs) that can be placed in liquor licensed locations.



THE ILLINOIS MODEL

This same operator-based model that is being proposed in HB 271 was successfully implemented in Illinois in 2012. In 2016, VGTs generated over \$1 billion in total revenue without the participation of the City of Chicago. The proposed model anticipates that all of PA will participate and should generate over \$1.1 billion in total annual revenue

which would then mean as much as \$400 million to the Commonwealth, once fully implemented.

BOOST IN REVENUE FOR LOCATIONS

In Pennsylvania, it's estimated that 7,500 liquor licensed establishments will take advantage of this substantial stream of revenue to help grow their business and improve their facilities to attract more patrons. Installing legal VGTs means reinvestment, new customers, and a significant increase in the value of a location's liquor license. HB 271 allows the placement of up to five VGTs per liquor licensee.

AN END TO ILLEGAL VGTs

Most importantly, HB 271 will put an end to the 17,000 to 40,000 illegal machines which, according to the PA State Police, are operating in Pennsylvania, bringing complete transparency and accountability to the industry. The bill outlines strict oversight and strong regulations from the Gaming Control Board and dedicates funding to help problem gaming.

Video gaming terminals are a viable revenue opportunity for the Commonwealth to balance its budget and help struggling bars, restaurants, and veteran organizations grow their business. HB 271 has strong, bipartisan support from both the House and the Senate and is expected to gain momentum quickly.

VOICE YOUR SUPPORT FOR VGTs

There's never been a more critical time to voice your support for the legalization of operator-based video gaming terminals in Pennsylvania. Here's how you can help spread the word!

- Find your legislators' contact information on www.PAVGA.org and tell them to support HB 271.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper in support of legalized VGTs.
- Talk with other location-owners and encourage them to voice their support of HB 271. ■

BAR & CLUB OWNERS

WHAT WILL YOUR FUTURE WITH VGTs LOOK LIKE?



PENNSYLVANIA IS MAKING STRIDES TO LEGALIZE 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 over \$1.1 billion in total annual revenue that will be shared by the Commonwealth, local governments, location owners, and VGT operators.
- It will put an end to the thousands of illegal VTGs 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 TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 271!

- ▶ **FIND** your legislators' contact information by visiting www.PAVGA.org.
- ▶ **CONTACT** your local legislators to tell them to support **House Bill 271** to legalize VGTs!

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OF HOUSE
BILL 271!



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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!