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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE**
20 **STATE OF MARYLAND**

30 **WHEREAS:** The states of West Virginia and Delaware have legalized slot machines, both of
40 these states take in millions of dollars that Maryland loses from people going to
50 these states to gamble.

60 **WHEREAS:** There are rising costs in higher education, as well as rising tuition costs that
70 students are finding it increasingly difficult to cope with.

80 **WHEREAS:** By taxing the winnings of lawful gambling the state would not have to raise taxes
90 (as much if at all) for the sake of higher education.

100 **WHEREAS:** By legalizing slot machines and having them regulated by the state, we can
110 ensure that people spend a limited amount of money in a limited amount of time.

120 **WHEREAS:** By putting a limitation on the amount of money that can be spent on gambling
130 we avoid the people that would gamble unlawfully and put themselves in
140 financial peril by losing too much money gambling.

150 **WHEREAS:** Unlawful gambling has no cap on how much you can spend, people who cannot
160 pay to cover their losses often turns to loan sharks, putting their families at risk if
170 they are unable to pay the loan shark.

180 **WHEREAS:** By legalizing slot machines in Maryland we can setup a government run system
190 with caps on money spent and fees paid based on winnings, we can use this
200 money to fund institutions of higher learning without raising taxes as much as
210 anticipated.

220 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
230 Maryland General Assembly to legalize slots machines in government regulated
240 shops and;

250 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the state setup a system of limiting the amount of
260 money that a person can spend over a set period of time and;

270 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the state create a system of fees to be paid
280 proportional to the amount of money won and;

290 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That these funds are distribute to public universities in the
300 state based on the size of these universities.

310 **MANDATES:** Martin O'Malley, Governor
320 Michael Busch, Speaker of the House
330 Kumar Barve, House Majority Leader
340 Anthony O'Donnell, House Minority Leader
350 Edward Kasemeyer, Senate Majority Leader
360 David Brinkley, Senate Minority Leader

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