

**SB 252 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Taylor

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 02/15/17

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows qualifying person with suspended driving privileges to receive hardship permit for the purpose of driving to and from gambling addiction treatment program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impact of gambling addiction
- Gambling treatment programs may be held in a variety of locations and may transfer to new locations
- One percent of lottery revenues go to problem gambling treatment programs
- License suspension prevents individuals from participating in programs and treatment

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

A person's driving privileges may be suspended for a number of reasons, including driving while under the influence of intoxicants, failure to appear in court or pay a fine, failure to pay child support, reckless driving, and misrepresentation of age by a minor to purchase or possess alcohol. The Department of Transportation may issue hardship driving permits to qualifying individuals for particular purposes, such as driving to and from work, drug or alcohol treatment programs, or personal or family medical appointments.

Senate Bill 252 allows qualifying individuals whose driving privileges are suspended to apply for hardship permits in order to drive to and from gambling treatment programs.