

Legislative History of Casino-Related Bills

HB 195 (2024)

Gaming in the Commonwealth; Prohibition on Use of Term 'casino' by Non-casino Operators. The bill passed the House (84-14) but failed in the Senate General Laws and Technology Committee on a 7-7-1 vote, ending its progress.

HB 590 (2024)

Electronic Gaming Devices; Regulation, Penalties. Advanced through both chambers with substitutes and passed both House and Senate, but differences led to a failed conference process. No enactment.

HB 1131 (2024)

Casino Gaming; Removal of Richmond as Eligible Host City. Enacted as Chapter 318 of the Acts of Assembly. Cleared both House and Senate with broad support and signed into law effective July 1, 2024.

HB 1478 (2024)

Casino Gaming on Cruise Ships. Died in subcommittee (ABC/Gaming), failing to advance out of its first referral.

HB 1966 (2025)

Sports Betting; Mandatory Permit Issuance to Certain Casino Operators. Introduced in the 2025 session but did not move forward to enactment in the available record.

SB 519 (2024)

Casino Gaming; Sale and Consumption of Alcohol in Establishments. Senate-originated measure concerning alcohol in casino facilities; progress noted in committee assignments, but no enactment recorded.

SB 628 (2024)

Casino Gaming; Eligible Host Cities. Senate bill reported and passed with substitutes, incorporated another measure, but died after House committee deliberations without final enactment.

Bottom Line

Casino legislation has seen mixed outcomes. The only significant enactment in 2024 was the removal of Richmond from eligible host cities (HB 1131). Restrictions on casino branding (HB 195) and cruise ship gaming (HB 1478) failed. Electronic gaming regulation (HB 590) advanced but collapsed in conference. Senate bills on host city eligibility and alcohol service also failed to reach enactment. In

2025, a casino-related sports betting bill (HB 1966) appeared but did not advance.