

**Public Hearing- Video Gaming Terminals**  
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**Testifiers:**

- John Milliron, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Amusement and Music Machine Association
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**Key Points:**

- As many as 40,000 illegal video gaming terminals (VGTs) are currently in Pennsylvania and are unregulated and untaxed.
- VGTs can be programmed to offer poker, blackjack, bingo or slot machine-type games.
- VGTs can be wired to a central computer to ensure accountability for every penny placed in the machine or paid out in winnings to the player.
- Other states that legalized VGTs in establishments with liquor licenses include South Dakota, Montana, Louisiana, West Virginia, Oregon and most recently, Illinois.
- Pennsylvania has approximately 13,500 establishments with liquor licenses that could be eligible to receive a license to operate VGTs.
- If 65% of Commonwealth's taverns and restaurants offered a total of 4 VGTs per establishment, the Commonwealth could gain \$500 million dollars annually in additional tax revenue.