

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §29-22B-1701

## PART 17. CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

### **§29-22B-1701. Financial interest of director, etc.; receiving reward from interested party; criminal penalty; application of bribery statute.**

(a) Neither the director of the commission, nor any member or employee of the commission, may be financially interested, or have any beneficial personal interest, direct or indirect, in any person furnishing video lottery terminals or video lottery games, or in any person who is a bidder for video lottery terminals, or who is a holder of a license issued under this article.

(b) Neither the director of the commission, nor any member or employee of the commission, may accept or receive, directly or indirectly, from any person known by the director, commission member or employee of the commission to be interested in any bid, contract or licensee under this article, by rebate, gift or otherwise, any money or other thing of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future reward, or compensation.

(c) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail not less than three months nor more than one year, or fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000, or both, in the discretion of the court: Provided, That any person who violates any of the provisions of subsection (b) of this section under circumstances constituting the crime of bribery under the provisions of section 61-5A-3 of this code, shall, upon conviction of bribery, be punished as provided in article 61-5A-1, et seq., of this code.