
By: **Carroll County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - Gaming - Senior Center Site Councils**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing senior center site councils in Carroll County to
4 conduct billiards, card games, and bingo in senior centers; authorizing senior
5 center site councils to award certain prizes of money to winners of certain
6 games; specifying that certain money be distributed to a senior center site
7 council; specifying certain costs for certain games; specifying the days that
8 certain games may be conducted; altering a certain definition; making certain
9 technical corrections; and generally relating to gaming in Carroll County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

11 Article - Criminal Law

12 Section 13-902(a)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2002 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

16 Article - Criminal Law

17 Section 13-905(b), 13-906, 13-907, and 13-908

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2002 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

20 BY adding to

21 Article - Criminal Law

22 Section 13-905.1

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

24 (2002 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

26 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article - Criminal Law**

2 13-902.

3 (a) This subtitle applies only in Carroll County.

4 13-905.

5 (b) An organization listed in § 13-903 OR § 13-907 of this subtitle may award a
6 prize of money or merchandise using a gaming device other than a card game, dice
7 game, or roulette.

8 13-905.1.

9 (A) A SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL MAY CONDUCT BILLIARDS IN A SENIOR
10 CENTER 5 DAYS PER WEEK, EXCLUDING SUNDAY.11 (B) A SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL MAY NOT AWARD A PRIZE OF MONEY TO
12 A WINNER EXCEEDING \$5 IN EACH SESSION.13 (C) (1) A SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL MAY CONDUCT A BILLIARDS
14 TOURNAMENT WITH A MAXIMUM ENTRY FEE OF \$2 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.15 (2) PRIZES OF MONEY MAY BE AWARDED TO FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD
16 PLACE WINNERS FROM THE ENTRY FEE MONEY COLLECTED.17 (3) ALL MONEY THAT REMAINS AFTER PRIZES ARE AWARDED SHALL BE
18 DISTRIBUTED TO THE SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL.

19 13-906.

20 (A) Notwithstanding § 13-903 of this subtitle, a person may not conduct a card
21 game, dice game, roulette, or casino night UNLESS THE PERSON IS A SENIOR CENTER
22 SITE COUNCIL THAT CONDUCTS A CARD GAME UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
23 SECTION.24 (B) (1) A SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL MAY CONDUCT A CARD GAME IN A
25 SENIOR CENTER 5 DAYS PER WEEK, EXCLUDING SUNDAY.

26 (2) A SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL MAY NOT:

27 (I) AWARD A PRIZE OF MONEY EXCEEDING \$5 TO A WINNER IN
28 EACH SESSION; AND

29 (II) CHARGE A PARTICIPANT MORE THAN \$1 TO PLAY ONE SESSION.

30 (3) ALL MONEY THAT REMAINS AFTER PRIZES ARE AWARDED SHALL BE
31 DISTRIBUTED TO THE SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL.

1 13-907.

2 (a) Before an organization may conduct bingo under this subtitle, the
3 organization shall obtain a permit from the county commissioners.

4 (b) (1) In this subsection, "qualified organization" means a bona fide:

5 (i) religious organization;

6 (ii) fraternal organization;

7 (iii) patriotic organization;

8 (iv) educational organization;

9 (v) charitable organization; [or]

10 (vi) volunteer fire company; OR

11 (VII) SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL.

12 (2) A qualified organization located in the county may conduct bingo in
13 the county to benefit charity or to further the purpose of the qualified organization.

14 (C) (1) A SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL MAY OBTAIN A PERMIT TO
15 CONDUCT BINGO IN A SENIOR CENTER 5 DAYS PER WEEK, EXCLUDING SUNDAY.

16 (2) A SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL MAY NOT:

17 (I) AWARD A PRIZE OF MONEY TO A WINNER EXCEEDING \$50 IN
18 EACH SESSION; OR

19 (II) CHARGE MORE THAN 5 CENTS FOR EACH BINGO CARD.

20 (3) ALL MONEY THAT REMAINS AFTER PRIZES ARE AWARDED SHALL BE
21 DISTRIBUTED TO THE SENIOR CENTER SITE COUNCIL.

22 [(c)] (D) (1) An applicant for a permit shall pay the fee that the county
23 commissioners set.

24 (2) The county commissioners shall set the permit fee at a level sufficient
25 to cover the costs of issuing the permit.

26 [(d)] (E) (1) Only the holder of a permit issued under this section may
27 conduct bingo authorized by the permit.

28 (2) The holder of a permit issued under this section may not transfer or
29 assign the right to conduct bingo to another person.

1 13-908.

2 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section AND § 13-907(C)(2)(I) OF
3 THIS SUBTITLE, a permit holder may not award a money prize greater than:

4 (1) \$100 to a player of a regular bingo game; or

5 (2) \$250 to a player of a special bingo game, such as a build-up or
6 progressive pot game, split-the-pot game, or winner-take-all game.

7 (b) A permit holder may award a jackpot not exceeding \$1,000 if the jackpot is
8 directly connected with the playing of bingo.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2006.