

# HOUSE BILL 975

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Instant Bingo – Electronic Machines**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the operation of certain instant bingo games using  
4 electronic machines; providing that the electronic instant bingo machines must  
5 have been in operation during a certain period or that the machines be in  
6 operation under a commercial bingo license on a certain date; prohibiting the  
7 operation of more than a certain number of electronic instant bingo machines  
8 that were in operation on a certain date; requiring the conduct of the gaming  
9 and the operation of the machines to be consistent with certain provisions of  
10 law; and generally relating to instant bingo operations.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Criminal Law  
13 Section 12–308  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2002 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Criminal Law**

19 **12–308.**

20 **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN**  
21 **ENTITY LICENSED TO OFFER INSTANT BINGO UNDER A COMMERCIAL BINGO**  
22 **LICENSE ON JULY 1, 2007, OR BY A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN §**  
23 **13–201 OF THIS ARTICLE ON THE PREMISES OF THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION**  
24 **MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE A GAME OF INSTANT BINGO IN THE SAME MANNER**  
25 **USING ELECTRONIC MACHINES, PROVIDED THAT:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(1) (I) THE MACHINES WERE IN OPERATION FOR A 1-YEAR**  
2 **PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007; OR**

3           **(II) THE MACHINES WERE IN OPERATION UNDER A**  
4 **COMMERCIAL BINGO LICENSE ON DECEMBER 31, 2007;**

5           **(2) THE ENTITY DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF**  
6 **ELECTRONIC MACHINES IN OPERATION ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008; AND**

7           **(3) THE CONDUCT OF THE GAMING AND OPERATION OF THE**  
8 **MACHINES ARE CONSISTENT WITH ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 June 1, 2011.