

HOUSE BILL 975

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Pena-Melnyk, Schuh, and Sophocleus**

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CHAPTER _____

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.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN
 2 ENTITY LICENSED TO OFFER INSTANT BINGO UNDER A COMMERCIAL BINGO
 3 LICENSE ON JULY 1, 2007, OR BY A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN §
 4 13-201 OF THIS ARTICLE ON THE PREMISES OF THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION
 5 MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE A GAME OF INSTANT BINGO IN THE SAME MANNER
 6 USING ELECTRONIC MACHINES, PROVIDED THAT:

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

9 (II) THE MACHINES WERE IN OPERATION UNDER A
 10 COMMERCIAL BINGO LICENSE ON DECEMBER 31, 2007;

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

13 (3) THE CONDUCT OF THE GAMING AND OPERATION OF THE
 14 MACHINES ARE CONSISTENT WITH ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.