

HOUSE BILL 545

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Carroll County – Gaming – Home Games – Bingo

3 FOR the purpose of adding bingo in Carroll County to the list of home games that an
4 individual may conduct in a common area of a residential property under certain
5 circumstances; and generally relating to gaming.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – State Government

8 Section 9–1C–01

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – State Government**

14 9–1C–01.

15 **(A)** Notwithstanding any other provision of the Criminal Law Article, an
16 individual who is at least 21 years old may conduct a home game involving wagering if the
17 home game:

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 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, is
2 limited to mah jong, ~~for~~ a card game, ~~OR BINGO~~;

3 (2) is conducted not more than once a week:

4 (i) in the place of residence of an individual who may also
5 participate as a player in the home game; or

6 (ii) in a common area of a residential property that is restricted to
7 residents who are at least 55 years old;

8 (3) allows a player to compete directly against one or more other players
9 who share a preexisting social relationship;

10 (4) does not allow an individual to benefit financially in any way, directly
11 or indirectly, other than from the winnings accrued by participating as a player in the game;

12 (5) does not involve:

13 (i) a player's use of an electronic device that connects to the
14 Internet;

15 (ii) the use of paid public advertising or promotions;

16 (iii) the charging of a fee for admission, a seat, entertainment, or food
17 and drink or any other fee; or

18 (iv) the use of any money except money used for wagering; and

19 (6) has a limit of \$1,000 on the total amount of money, tokens representing
20 money, or any other thing or consideration of value that may be wagered by all players
21 during any 24-hour period.

22 **(B) IN CARROLL COUNTY, A HOME GAME OF BINGO IS ALLOWED IF**
23 **CONDUCTED IN A COMMON AREA OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS**
24 **RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE AT LEAST 55 YEARS OLD.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2017.