

HOUSE BILL 564

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(9lr0307)

ENROLLED BILL

— *Ways and Means/Budget and Taxation* —

Introduced by **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Gaming – Bingo Games**

3 **MC 1–19**

4 FOR the purpose of allowing, in Montgomery County, an individual who is at least a certain
5 age to conduct a bingo game involving cash prizes if the game is conducted at a
6 certain residential property in a certain manner; and generally relating to gaming
7 in Montgomery County.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Criminal Law

10 Section 13–1803(c)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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

3 **Article – Criminal Law**

4 13–1803.

5 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN
6 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST ~~21~~ 55 YEARS OLD MAY
7 CONDUCT A BINGO GAME INVOLVING CASH PRIZES IF THE GAME:

8 (1) IS CONDUCTED NOT MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK IN A COMMON AREA
9 OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE AT
10 LEAST 55 YEARS OLD;

11 (2) ALLOWS A PLAYER TO COMPETE DIRECTLY AGAINST ONE OR MORE
12 OTHER PLAYERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WHERE THE
13 GAME IS HELD;

14 (3) DOES NOT ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL OR AN ORGANIZATION TO
15 BENEFIT FINANCIALLY IN ANY WAY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OTHER THAN FROM
16 THE WINNINGS ACCRUED BY PARTICIPATING AS A PLAYER IN THE GAME;

17 (4) DOES NOT INVOLVE:

18 (I) A PLAYER’S USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT
19 CONNECTS TO THE INTERNET;

20 (II) THE USE OF PAID PUBLIC ADVERTISING OR PROMOTIONS;

21 (III) THE CHARGING OF A FEE FOR ADMISSION, A SEAT,
22 ENTERTAINMENT, OR ANY OTHER FEE; OR

23 (IV) THE USE OF ANY MONEY, EXCEPT MONEY USED FOR
24 PURCHASING BINGO CARDS OR FOOD OR DRINK; AND

25 (5) HAS A LIMIT OF \$1,000 ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY,
26 TOKENS REPRESENTING MONEY, OR ANY OTHER THING OR CONSIDERATION OF
27 VALUE THAT MAY BE WON BY ALL PLAYERS DURING ANY 24–HOUR PERIOD.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2019.