

Chapter 170

(House Bill 564)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Gaming – Bingo Games

MC 1-19

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

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 13-1803(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

13-1803.

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

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

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

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

(4) DOES NOT INVOLVE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.