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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Bingo**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the total amount of cash or prize awards that may be given
4 for certain bingo games conducted in Baltimore City; and generally relating to bingo
5 games conducted in Baltimore City.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 260(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 260.

15 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c)(2) of this section, nothing in this subtitle
16 shall be construed to make it unlawful for any bona fide fraternal, religious, patriotic,
17 educational or charitable organization or any bona fide fraternal, religious, patriotic,
18 educational or charitable corporation to operate or conduct a game of bingo in Baltimore
19 City where no cash or prize of a greater value than \$45 is offered or given in any one game
20 and where the entire proceeds, excluding costs incurred for personnel, supplies,
21 equipment, and other expenses incidental thereto, are devoted to charitable purposes
22 exclusively or in furtherance of the purposes of such organization or corporation.

23 Notwithstanding the foregoing, any organization or corporation devoted exclusively
24 to charitable, religious or educational purposes or any service, fraternal or veterans

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1 organizations whose net earnings do not inure to the benefit of any stockholder or
2 member of the association conducting the same may conduct or operate a game of bingo
3 in Baltimore City if the entire proceeds, excluding costs incurred for personnel, supplies,
4 equipment, and other expenses incidental thereto, are devoted to charitable purposes
5 exclusively or in furtherance of the purposes of such organization or corporation, and if
6 the cash or prize awards conform with the following limits:

7 (1) Five (5) early bird games at \$45 each;

8 (2) Nineteen (19) regular games at \$75 each;

9 (3) One (1) regular game with a jackpot starting at \$150 with a consolation
10 prize of \$75; \$75 to be added to the jackpot each night;

11 (4) Four (4) regular special games at \$150 each;

12 (5) Four (4) split-the-pot games; prize on the split-the-pot games not to
13 exceed fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds of the games;

14 (6) One (1) winner-take-all game; prize on the winner-take-all game not to
15 exceed the entire proceeds of the game;

16 (7) One (1) \$3,000 jackpot game starting at fifty (50) numbers; one (1)
17 number to be added every second night, consolation prize of \$375 to be given if the
18 jackpot is not won;

19 (8) One (1) buildup-jackpot game starting at \$300 and fifty (50) numbers;
20 one (1) number and \$75 to be added each night; consolation prize of \$225 to be given if
21 jackpot is not won;

22 (9) A total amount of \$75 for all door prizes combined; or

23 (10) Any combination of the above games, not to exceed a total of [\$4,000]
24 \$5,000.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 1996.