
By: Delegate C. Davis

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A BILL ENTITLED

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 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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

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- 1 (1) Five (5) early bird games at \$45 each;
- 2 (2) Nineteen (19) regular games at \$75 each;
- 3 (3) One (1) regular game with a jackpot starting at \$150 with a consolation
4 prize of \$75; \$75 to be added to the jackpot each night;
- 5 (4) Four (4) regular special games at \$150 each;
- 6 (5) Four (4) split-the-pot games; prize on the split-the-pot games not to
7 exceed fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds of the games;
- 8 (6) One (1) winner-take-all game; prize on the winner-take-all game not to
9 exceed the entire proceeds of the game;
- 10 (7) One (1) \$3,000 jackpot game starting at fifty (50) numbers; one (1)
11 number to be added every second night, consolation prize of \$375 to be given if the
12 jackpot is not won;
- 13 (8) One (1) buildup-jackpot game starting at \$300 and fifty (50) numbers;
14 one (1) number and \$75 to be added each night; consolation prize of \$225 to be given if
15 jackpot is not won;
- 16 (9) A total amount of \$75 for all door prizes combined; or
- 17 (10) Any combination of the above games, not to exceed a total of [\$4,000]
18 \$5,000.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 1997.