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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County - Bingo - Payouts**

3 FOR the purpose of altering in Charles County the maximum total amount of cash  
4 that may be awarded as prize money in a single day of bingo game operations;  
5 and generally relating to bingo games in Charles County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
8 Section 253A(a)(1) and (3)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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12 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
13 Section 253A(g)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

19 253A.

20 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

1           (3)     "County" means Charles County.

2           (g)     (1)     A fund-raising organization or educational organization may conduct  
3 a game of bingo either for the benefit of charity in the county or in furtherance of the  
4 purposes of the organization.

5           (2)     Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection,  
6 a fund-raising organization or educational organization may award prizes in cash or  
7 merchandise in a bingo game.

8           (3)     A fund-raising organization or educational organization may not  
9 award a cash prize in excess of \$1,000 to any player in a bingo game.

10          (4)     The total amount of cash awarded as prize money may not exceed  
11 [~~\$3,500~~] \$5,000 on any given day of operation.

12          (5)     Bingo games may not be conducted at 1 location more than:

13                 (i)     4 days in a 7-day period; or

14                 (ii)    3 consecutive days.

15     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 1999.