

HOUSE BILL 1379

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By: **Delegates Kirk, McHale, Harrison, and V. Jones**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Bingo - Prize Limit**

3 FOR the purpose of altering in Baltimore City the maximum value for the total of all  
4 prizes of money or merchandise that may be awarded by an organization  
5 conducting bingo; and generally relating to bingo in Baltimore City.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Criminal Law  
8 Section 13-507(i)(2)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
11 2002)

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

14 **Article - Criminal Law**

15 13-507.

16 (i) (2) An organization conducting bingo in Baltimore City under subsection  
17 (d) of this section:

18 (i) may not use the net proceeds to benefit a stockholder or  
19 member of the organization;

20 (ii) after reimbursing any costs incurred in conducting bingo for  
21 personnel, supplies, equipment, and other expenses, shall use the net proceeds:

22 1. solely for charitable purposes; or

23 2. to further the purposes of an organization listed in  
24 subsection (d) of this section; and

25 (iii) shall limit prizes of money or merchandise to a value not  
26 exceeding:

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- 1                                    1.        [\$4,000] \$5,000 for the total of all prizes;
- 2                                    2.        \$75 for the total of all door prizes;
- 3                                    3.        \$45 for each of not more than five early bird games;
- 4                                    4.        \$75 for each of not more than 19 regular games;
- 5                                    5.        \$150 for the starting prize of one regular game with a  
6 jackpot, with nightly increases not exceeding \$75 and a consolation prize not  
7 exceeding \$75;
- 8                                    6.        \$150 for each of not more than four regular special games;
- 9                                    7.        50% of the proceeds for each of not more than four  
10 split-the-pot games;
- 11                                    8.        100% of the proceeds for not more than one  
12 winner-take-all game;
- 13                                    9.        \$3,000 for a jackpot game which starts at 50 numbers and  
14 adds one number every second night;
- 15                                    10.       if the jackpot is not won, \$375 for a consolation prize for  
16 any jackpot game;
- 17                                    11.       \$300 for the first jackpot game in a buildup jackpot game  
18 which starts at \$300 and 50 numbers and adds one number and \$75 each night; and
- 19                                    12.       if the jackpot is not won, \$225 for the consolation prize for  
20 any buildup jackpot game.

21        SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2002.