

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2003 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 619

(Charles County Delegation)

Ways and Means

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**Charles County - Bingo - Prizes and Hours of Operation**

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This bill increases from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum value of a money prize that may be awarded in a single bingo game in Charles County and increases from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the maximum value of all money prizes that may be awarded by an organization at a single bingo event in Charles County. The bill also limits a bingo event to four hours per day.

The bill is effective June 1, 2003.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Increasing the maximum value of money prizes in a bingo event conducted by a fundraising organization or an educational organization would not impact Charles County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Charles County the maximum value of a money prize that can be awarded in a single bingo game is \$1,000 and the maximum value of all money prizes that can be awarded in a bingo event in a single day is \$5,000. Any fundraising organization or educational organization may conduct a bingo event in Charles County. A fundraising organization or educational organization may not conduct bingo events at

one location on more than four days in any seven-day period or on three consecutive days.

Generally, jurisdictions in the State that permit organizations to conduct bingo have maximum limits on prizes awarded for a single game of bingo but do not have a maximum limit on the total prizes awarded in a bingo event.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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