

---

By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2005

Assigned to: Ways and Means

---

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County Bingo Prizes**  
3 **MC 511-05**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum dollar value amount that may be  
5 awarded in money prizes for each bingo game operated by a certain qualified  
6 organization in Montgomery County; and generally relating to prizes awarded  
7 in certain bingo games in Montgomery County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Criminal Law  
10 Section 13-1803  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Criminal Law**

16 13-1803.

17 (a) (1) A qualified organization may conduct bingo in the county to benefit  
18 charity or to further the purpose of the qualified organization.

19 (2) Bingo shall be conducted only by the qualified organization and not  
20 by a person who:

21 (i) retains a portion of the proceeds from the bingo game; or

22 (ii) is compensated by the qualified organization for which the  
23 bingo is held.

24 (3) A person may not receive a private profit from the proceeds of bingo.

25 (4) A qualified organization that conducts bingo shall:

- 1 (i) keep accurate records of all transactions that occur on behalf of  
2 the bingo game;
- 3 (ii) keep the records for 2 years after the bingo game; and
- 4 (iii) on request, make the records available for examination by:
- 5 1. the State's Attorney for the county;
  - 6 2. the county sheriff;
  - 7 3. the county Department of Health and Human Services;
  - 8 4. the county attorney;
  - 9 5. the Department of State Police; or
  - 10 6. a designated officer or agent of any of those units.

11 (5) A person conducting bingo shall be a resident of the county and a  
12 member of the qualified organization.

13 (6) Alcoholic beverages may not be sold or consumed in the room in  
14 which bingo is conducted, either during a game or an intermission between games.

15 (7) Money prizes not exceeding [\$500] \$1,000 in each game may be  
16 awarded in bingo.

17 (8) The qualified organization may sell breakout tickets in the room in  
18 which bingo is conducted, either during a game or an intermission between games.

19 (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a person may  
20 conduct bingo at the annual Montgomery County Fair for the benefit of the  
21 Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc.

22 (2) A person who conducts bingo under this subsection may award only  
23 noncash prizes.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2005.