

HOUSE BILL 740

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CF SB 732

By: **Harford County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Gaming**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Sheriff of Harford County to charge a certain fee for
4 a 50/50 license; increasing the maximum money prizes that may be awarded for
5 certain games; authorizing certain organizations to conduct a game of 50/50 at a
6 certain event if the organization acquires a license; and generally relating to
7 gaming in Harford County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Criminal Law
10 Section 13–1501(a), (c), and (f), 13–1502(a), and 13–1503(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Criminal Law
15 Section 13–1503(d), 13–1504(b), 13–1505(c), and 13–1508
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2002 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Criminal Law**

21 13–1501.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

2 (c) "50/50" means a drawing from a finite number of chances in which the
3 proceeds from the sale of chances are split evenly between the winner and the
4 organization conducting the game.

5 (f) "Sheriff" means the Sheriff of Harford County.

6 13-1502.

7 (a) This subtitle applies only in Harford County.

8 13-1503.

9 (b) The following organizations may obtain a license to conduct a gaming
10 event:

11 (1) a bona fide religious group that has conducted religious services at
12 a fixed location in the county for at least 3 years before applying for a license;

13 (2) a State-chartered organization authorized by a nationally
14 chartered veterans organization;

15 (3) a tax-supported volunteer fire company; or

16 (4) a nonprofit organization that intends to raise money for an
17 exclusively charitable, athletic, or educational purpose which is specifically described
18 in the application for a license.

19 (d) The sheriff shall charge the following license fees:

20 (1) \$5 for a bingo license;

21 (2) \$10 for a paddle wheel license;

22 (3) \$10 for a raffle license; [and]

23 **(4) \$10 FOR A 50/50 LICENSE; AND**

24 ~~[(4)]~~**(5)** \$15 for a members-only instant bingo license.

25 13-1504.

26 (b) A money prize for a bingo game may not exceed:

27 (1) ~~[\$50]~~ **\$500**; or

1 (2) \$1,000 for a jackpot.

2 13-1505.

3 (c) A money prize for a members-only instant bingo game may not exceed
4 [\$50] **\$500**.

5 13-1508.

6 (a) An organization listed in § 13-1503(b) of this subtitle may conduct a
7 game of 50/50 [without a license.

8 (b) A game of 50/50 may only be conducted]:

9 (1) **WITHOUT A 50/50 LICENSE**, at a meeting of the organization; **OR**

10 (2) **WITH A 50/50 LICENSE, AT AN EVENT OTHER THAN A MEETING**
11 **OF THE ORGANIZATION.**

12 [(c)] (B) A money prize for a game of 50/50 may not exceed [\$50] **\$500**.

13 [(d)] (C) A minor may not participate in a game of 50/50.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2008.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.