

# HOUSE BILL 1014

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2008

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Pull Tab or Instant Bingo**

3 **PG 326–08**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a qualified organization in Prince George's County to  
5 award merchandise and other things of value by pull tab or instant bingo;  
6 prohibiting a person from using an electronic dispenser in a certain activity  
7 under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to  
8 pull tab and instant bingo games in Prince George's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Criminal Law  
11 Section 13–1902(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2002 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Criminal Law  
16 Section 13–1904  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2002 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Criminal Law**

22 13–1902.

23 (a) This subtitle applies only in Prince George's County.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-1904.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PULL TAB OR INSTANT BINGO" MEANS A  
3 PREDETERMINED FINITE GAME OF CHANCE THAT USES PAPER TICKETS  
4 DISPENSED MANUALLY OR MECHANICALLY WITH CONCEALED NUMBERS OR  
5 SYMBOLS THAT, WHEN EXPOSED TO THE PLAYER, DETERMINE WHETHER THE  
6 PLAYER WINS OR LOSES, BASED ON THE MATCH OF THE NUMBERS OR SYMBOLS  
7 TO THE FLARE OR SEAL CARD OF THE GAME.

8 [(a)] (B) A benefit performance shall be personally managed and conducted  
9 only by members of the qualified organization that sponsors the benefit performance.

10 [(b)] (C) (1) At a benefit performance, a qualified organization may:

11 (i) conduct games of skill; or

12 (ii) dispose of merchandise and other things of value by auction,  
13 voting, or using a mechanical device such as a paddle wheel, wheel of fortune, bingo,  
14 PULL TAB OR INSTANT BINGO, or similar device.

15 (2) The activities allowed under this subsection may be conducted with  
16 or without an entrance or participation fee.

17 (D) A PERSON MAY NOT USE AN ELECTRONIC DISPENSER IN AN  
18 ACTIVITY ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION IN WHICH  
19 THE WINNING PULL TABS:

20 (1) ARE NOT RANDOMLY DISTRIBUTED AND MIXED AMONG ALL  
21 PULL TABS;

22 (2) CAN BE DETERMINED IN ADVANCE OF OPENING THE PULL  
23 TABS MANUALLY OR MECHANICALLY; OR

24 (3) EXCEED THE PRIZE LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE  
25 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL BY LOCAL ORDINANCE FOR PULL TAB OR  
26 INSTANT BINGO.

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