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By: **Senator DeGrange**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – ~~Instant Bingo~~ – Electronic Machines – Regulation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the operation of certain electronic instant bingo games
4 using electronic machines; providing that the electronic instant bingo machines
5 must have been in operation during a certain period or that the machines be in
6 operation under a commercial bingo license on a certain date; prohibiting the
7 operation of more than a certain number of electronic instant bingo machines
8 than were in operation on a certain date; requiring the conduct of the gaming
9 and the operation of certain electronic instant bingo machines to be consistent
10 with certain provisions of law; clarifying that certain slot machines located in
11 certain counties are not subject to certain provisions of law; altering the
12 definition of “slot machine” to include a certain machine, apparatus, or device
13 regardless of the manner in which it delivers a game and to exclude certain
14 skills-based amusement devices; clarifying that a certain handheld device is not
15 considered a slot machine; requiring the Office of the Attorney General, the
16 State Lottery Commission, the Department of State Police, and local law
17 enforcement units to construe certain statutory provisions in a certain manner;
18 making a certain decision by the State Lottery Commission a final
19 determination as to whether a certain electronic gaming device is legal and
20 being operated in a lawful manner; authorizing the State Lottery Commission
21 to refer certain matters for enforcement to the Department of State Police under
22 certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to certify and regulate the
23 operation, ownership, and manufacture of certain electronic gaming devices;
24 stating that a gaming device that is not licensed or otherwise operated in
25 compliance with certain provisions of law as of a certain date may not legally

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 operate in the State; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations
 2 related to the approval and licensing of certain electronic gaming devices;
 3 authorizing the Commission to make certain determinations and charge certain
 4 fees; altering the purpose of the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts
 5 in Maryland; requiring that the Fund be used to provide certain supplemental
 6 grants for operating and programmatic improvements that strengthen cultural
 7 arts organizations in certain ways; altering the process for transferring certain
 8 funds from the Fund; specifying that grants from the Fund are supplemental
 9 and may not take the place of certain funding for certain organizations; creating
 10 the Calvert County Youth Recreational Opportunities Fund; providing for the
 11 purpose, administration, type, contents, expenditures, and investments of the
 12 Fund; requiring that the Fund be used only for certain projects; specifying that
 13 certain money expended from the Fund is not intended to take the place of
 14 funding that otherwise would be appropriated for a certain purpose; imposing a
 15 certain State admissions and amusement tax rate on electronic bingo in Calvert
 16 County; altering the revenue attributable from a certain tax rate distributed to
 17 a certain special fund; providing for the distribution of certain revenue and
 18 proceeds to ~~Program Open Space~~ the Calvert County Youth Recreational
 19 Opportunities Fund, the Boys and Girls Club of the Town of North Beach, and
 20 certain municipal corporations in certain years; requiring that certain
 21 admissions and amusement taxes are to be determined on a certain basis;
 22 providing that certain admissions and amusement taxes may be determined on
 23 a certain basis; requiring the Commission to certify the compliance with certain
 24 laws before certain electronic bingo machines may be authorized for use;
 25 authorizing a certain qualified organization to repair and replace electronic
 26 bingo machines under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain qualified
 27 organization that offered instant bingo during a certain time and then was
 28 required to obtain a commercial license to operate a certain number of instant
 29 bingo machines under certain circumstances; requiring certain regulations to be
 30 at least as stringent as certain requirements; authorizing certain regulations to
 31 include certain provisions and requiring that the regulations include certain
 32 provisions; repealing certain obsolete provisions of law; making a certain
 33 technical correction; and generally relating to the operation and regulation of
 34 electronic instant bingo machines.

35 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 36 Article – Criminal Law
 37 Section 12–113 and ~~12–301(3)~~ 12–301(2) and (3)
 38 Annotated Code of Maryland
 39 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

40 BY adding to
 41 Article – Criminal Law
 42 Section 12–301.1 and 12–308
 43 Annotated Code of Maryland
 44 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

2 Article – Economic Development

3 Section 4–801

4 Annotated Code of Maryland

5 (2008 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Natural Resources

8 Section 5–1901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 19. Calvert County Youth

9 Recreational Opportunities Fund”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Tax – General

14 Section 2–202, 4–102, and 4–105(a–1)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Criminal Law**

20 12–113.

21 (A) [A] **THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE STATE**
22 **LOTTERY COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE, LOCAL LAW**
23 **ENFORCEMENT UNITS, AND THE** court shall construe liberally this ~~title~~ ~~ARTICLE~~
24 relating to gambling and betting to prevent the activities prohibited.

25 (B) **A DECISION BY THE STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION SHALL BE THE**
26 **FINAL DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER A GAMING DEVICE BEING OPERATED IN**
27 **THE STATE IS:**

28 (1) **A LEGAL GAMING DEVICE OR DEVICE CONSISTENT WITH THE**
29 **PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

30 (2) **BEING OPERATED IN A LAWFUL MANNER UNDER THIS**
31 **ARTICLE.**

32 (C) **IF A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT FAILS TO PROMPTLY**
33 **ENFORCE A FINAL DETERMINATION MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**
34 **SECTION, THE STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION SHALL REFER THE MATTER TO**
35 **THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW.**

1 12-301.

2 In this subtitle:

3 (2) “slot machine” includes:

4 (i) a machine, apparatus, or device described in item (1) of this
 5 section that also sells, delivers, or awards merchandise, money, or some other tangible
 6 thing of value; [and]

7 (ii) a pinball machine or console machine that pays off in
 8 merchandise; AND

9 (iii) A MACHINE, APPARATUS, OR DEVICE DESCRIBED IN
 10 ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE MACHINE,
 11 APPARATUS, OR DEVICE DELIVERS A GAME THROUGH THE INTERNET OR
 12 OFFERS INTERNET OR OTHER SERVICES; AND

13 (3) “slot machine” does not include a machine, apparatus, or device
 14 that:

15 (i) awards the user only free additional games or plays;

16 (ii) awards the user only noncash merchandise or noncash
 17 prizes of minimal value;

18 (iii) dispenses paper pull tab tip jar tickets or paper pull tab
 19 instant bingo tickets that must be opened manually by the user provided that the
 20 machine, apparatus, or device does not:

21 1. read the tickets electronically;

22 2. alert the user to a winning or losing ticket; or

23 3. tabulate a player’s winnings and losses;

24 (iv) 1. **IS A HANDHELD DEVICE THAT** displays **ONLY**
 25 facsimiles of bingo cards that [users] **AN INDIVIDUAL USES TO** mark and monitor
 26 [according to] **CONTEMPORANEOUSLY TO A LIVE CALL OF BINGO** numbers called
 27 on the premises by an individual where the user is operating the machine; [and]

28 2. does not permit a user to play more than 54 bingo
 29 cards at the same time;

30 **3. DOES NOT RANDOMLY GENERATE ANY NUMBERS;**

31 **AND**

1 **(5) ESTABLISH LICENSE FEES THAT ARE SUFFICIENT TO COVER**
 2 **THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF LICENSURE REQUIRED UNDER THIS**
 3 **SECTION.**

4 **(D) THE COMMISSION MAY DETERMINE:**

5 **(1) THAT A COUNTY'S LICENSING AND REGULATORY PROCESS**
 6 **FOR ELECTRONIC GAMING DEVICES IS EQUIVALENT TO THE STATE LICENSING**
 7 **AND REGULATORY PROCESS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

8 **(2) THAT A COUNTY LICENSE FOR OWNING, OPERATING, OR**
 9 **MANUFACTURING ~~A~~ AN ELECTRONIC GAMING DEVICE IN THAT COUNTY IS**
 10 **EQUIVALENT TO A STATE LICENSE.**

11 **(E) ~~A~~ AN ELECTRONIC GAMING DEVICE THAT IS NOT LICENSED OR**
 12 **OTHERWISE OPERATED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS**
 13 **SECTION AS OF ~~JULY 1, 2012~~ JANUARY 1, 2013, IS AN ILLEGAL ~~GAMBLING~~**
 14 **GAMING DEVICE THAT MAY NOT LEGALLY OPERATE IN THE STATE.**

15 **12-308.**

16 **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN**
 17 **ENTITY LICENSED TO OFFER INSTANT BINGO UNDER A COMMERCIAL BINGO**
 18 **LICENSE ON JULY 1, 2007, OR BY A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN §**
 19 **13-201 OF THIS ARTICLE ON THE PREMISES OF THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION**
 20 **MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE A GAME OF INSTANT BINGO IN THE SAME MANNER**
 21 **USING ELECTRONIC MACHINES, PROVIDED THAT:**

22 **(1) (I) THE MACHINES WERE IN OPERATION FOR A 1-YEAR**
 23 **PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007; OR**

24 **(II) THE MACHINES WERE IN OPERATION UNDER A**
 25 **COMMERCIAL BINGO LICENSE ON DECEMBER 31, 2007;**

26 **(2) THE ENTITY DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF**
 27 **ELECTRONIC MACHINES IN OPERATION ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008; AND**

28 **(3) THE CONDUCT OF THE GAMING AND OPERATION OF THE**
 29 **MACHINES ARE CONSISTENT WITH ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.**

30 **Article – Economic Development**

31 **4-801.**

1 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Special Fund for Preservation of
2 Cultural Arts in Maryland.

3 (b) There is a Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland.

4 (c) The purpose of the Fund is to provide [emergency] SUPPLEMENTAL
5 grants to cultural arts organizations[, including museums, or similar entities] in the
6 State THAT QUALIFY FOR GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANTS FROM THE
7 MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL.

8 (d) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development shall administer
9 the Fund.

10 (e) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to §
11 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

12 (2) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the
13 Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

14 (f) The Fund consists of:

15 (1) revenue distributed to the Fund under [§ 2–202(1)(ii)] §
16 2–202(A)(1)(II) of the Tax – General Article; and

17 (2) any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of
18 the Fund.

19 (g) [(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Fund may be used
20 only for preventing the closure, termination, or financial distress of] THE FUND
21 SHALL BE USED TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR OPERATING AND
22 PROGRAMMATIC IMPROVEMENTS THAT STRENGTHEN THE ORGANIZATIONAL
23 CAPACITY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY OF cultural arts organizations[, including
24 museums, or similar entities] in the State THAT QUALIFY FOR GENERAL
25 OPERATING SUPPORT GRANTS FROM THE MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL.

26 [(2) For fiscal year 2011:

27 (i) \$450,000 from the Fund shall be used to provide a grant to
28 the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; and

29 (ii) \$50,000 from the Fund shall be used to provide a grant to
30 the National Philharmonic.]

31 (h) (1) The State Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the
32 same manner as other State money may be invested.

1 (i) the revenue attributable to a tax rate of 20% to the General
2 Fund of the State; and

3 (ii) the revenue attributable to a tax rate [in excess of 20%] OF
4 5% to the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland, as provided in §
5 4-801 of the Economic Development Article; and

6 (2) the remaining admissions and amusement tax revenue:

7 (i) to the Maryland Stadium Authority, county, or municipal
8 corporation that is the source of the revenue; or

9 (ii) if the Maryland Stadium Authority and also a county or
10 municipal corporation tax a reduced charge or free admission:

11 1. 80% of that revenue to the Authority; and

12 2. 20% to the county or municipal corporation.

13 (B) FROM THE REVENUE FROM THE STATE ADMISSIONS AND
14 AMUSEMENT TAX ON ELECTRONIC BINGO AND ELECTRONIC TIP JARS IN
15 CALVERT COUNTY UNDER § 4-102(D) OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COMPTROLLER
16 SHALL DISTRIBUTE:

17 (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013, THE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A
18 TAX RATE OF 8%:

19 (I) \$100,000 TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE TOWN
20 OF NORTH BEACH; AND

21 (II) THE REMAINDER TO ~~PROGRAM OPEN SPACE UNDER~~
22 ~~TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 9~~ THE CALVERT COUNTY YOUTH RECREATIONAL
23 OPPORTUNITIES FUND UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 19 OF THE NATURAL
24 RESOURCES ARTICLE THAT MAY ONLY BE USED FOR A ~~LOCAL OPEN SPACE~~
25 PROJECT APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF ~~THE DEPARTMENT OF~~ NATURAL
26 RESOURCES THAT INCREASES YOUTH RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE
27 COUNTY; ~~AND~~

28 (2) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 THROUGH 2016, FROM:

29 (I) THE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A TAX RATE OF 1.5%:

30 1. \$100,000 TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE
31 TOWN OF NORTH BEACH; AND

1 **2. THE REMAINDER TO THE TOWN OF NORTH**
 2 **BEACH;**

3 **(II) THE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A TAX RATE OF 2.5%**
 4 **TO THE TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE BEACH; AND**

5 **(III) THE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A TAX RATE OF 4% TO**
 6 **THE CALVERT COUNTY YOUTH RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND UNDER**
 7 **TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 19 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE; AND**

8 **(2) (3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 2017 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
 9 **THEREAFTER, FROM:**

10 **(I) FROM THE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A TAX RATE OF**
 11 **3% 1.5%:**

12 **1. \$100,000 TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE**
 13 **TOWN OF NORTH BEACH; AND**

14 **2. THE REMAINDER TO THE TOWN OF NORTH**
 15 **BEACH; AND**

16 **(II) THE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A TAX RATE OF 5%**
 17 **2.5% TO THE TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE BEACH; AND**

18 **(III) THE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A TAX RATE OF 4% TO**
 19 **THE CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL RENOVATION AND**
 20 **RENEWAL PROJECTS THAT MAY NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT COUNTY FUNDS FOR**
 21 **PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.**

22 **[(b)] (c) The revenue to be distributed in accordance with subsection (a)(1)**
 23 **of this section:**

24 **(1) for fiscal year 2010 only, shall be distributed to the General Fund**
 25 **of the State;**

26 **(2) for fiscal year 2011 only, shall be distributed as follows:**

27 **(i) \$500,000 to the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural**
 28 **Arts in Maryland, as provided in § 4-801 of the Economic Development Article;**

29 **(ii) \$500,000 to a special fund, to be used only as provided in**
 30 **subsection (c) of this section; and**

31 **(iii) the balance to the General Fund of the State; and**

~~(3) for fiscal year 2012 only, shall be distributed as follows:~~

~~(i) \$500,000 to a special fund, to be used only as provided in subsection (c) of this section; and~~

~~(ii) the balance to the General Fund of the State.~~

~~[(c)] (D) (1) (i) For fiscal year 2011, the Comptroller shall pay from the special fund established under subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section a grant to the local jurisdictions where the electronic bingo machines or electronic tip jar machines that are the source of the revenue are located, to be used by the local jurisdictions only for one-time capital expenditures.~~

~~(ii) A grant under this paragraph shall be paid to a municipal corporation if the machines are located in a municipal corporation or to a county if the machines are not located in a municipal corporation.~~

~~(iii) The grants under this paragraph shall be paid to each local jurisdiction in proportion to the amount of tax revenue derived from machines in each jurisdiction.~~

~~(2) For fiscal year 2012, the special fund established under subsection (b)(3)(i) of this section may be used only as follows:~~

~~(i) \$150,000 as an appropriation to the State Archives, to be used only for the operating costs associated with the development and implementation of the State House Master Plan as approved by the State House Trust;~~

~~(ii) \$50,000 as a grant to be paid by the Comptroller to the Maryland Humanities Council; and~~

~~(iii) impact grants to be paid by the Comptroller in the local jurisdictions where the electronic bingo machines or electronic tip jar machines are located, as follows:~~

~~1. \$150,000 in Anne Arundel County to the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association for capital expenditures and replacement of equipment; and~~

~~2. \$150,000 in Calvert County as follows:~~

~~A. \$125,000 to be divided equally between the Town of Chesapeake Beach and the Town of North Beach, to be used only for one-time capital expenditures; and~~

1 ~~B. \$25,000 to the Beach Trolley Association of~~
2 ~~Chesapeake Beach and North Beach.~~

3 4-102.

4 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "NET PROCEEDS" MEANS THE TOTAL RECEIPTS
5 FROM THE OPERATION OF AN ELECTRONIC BINGO MACHINE OR ELECTRONIC
6 TIP JAR MACHINE LESS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WINNINGS OR PRIZES PAID OUT
7 TO PLAYERS.

8 [(a)](B) A county may impose, by resolution, a tax on:

9 (1) the gross receipts derived from any admissions and amusement
10 charge in that county; and

11 (2) an admission in that county for a reduced charge or at no charge to
12 a place if there is a charge for other admissions to the place.

13 [(b)](C) A municipal corporation may impose, by ordinance or resolution, a
14 tax on:

15 (1) the gross receipts derived from any admission and amusement
16 charge in that municipal corporation; and

17 (2) an admission in that municipal corporation for a reduced charge or
18 at no charge to a place if there is a charge for other admissions to the place.

19 [(c)](D) The Stadium Authority may impose a tax on:

20 (1) the gross receipts derived from any admissions and amusement
21 charge for an admission to a facility owned or leased by the Stadium Authority; and

22 (2) an admission for a reduced charge or at no charge to a facility
23 owned or leased by the Stadium Authority if there is a charge for other admissions to
24 the facility.

25 [(d)](E) [(1) In this subsection, "net proceeds" means the total receipts
26 from the operation of an electronic bingo machine or electronic tip jar machine less the
27 amount of money winnings or prizes paid out to players.

28 (2) A State tax is imposed on the net proceeds derived from any charge
29 for the operation of an electronic bingo machine permitted under a commercial bingo
30 license or an electronic tip jar machine authorized under Title 13 of the Criminal Law
31 Article that is operated for commercial purposes.

1 **(F) (1) THE STATE AND LOCAL ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAXES**
 2 **APPLICABLE TO ELECTRONIC INSTANT BINGO SHALL BE DETERMINED ON A**
 3 **TAX-INCLUDED OR SEPARATELY STATED BASIS.**

4 **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION,**
 5 **OTHER STATE AND LOCAL ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAXES APPLIED**
 6 **UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE DETERMINED ON A TAX-INCLUDED OR**
 7 **SEPARATELY STATED BASIS.**

8 4-105.

9 (a-1) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)** of
 10 this subsection, the rate of the State admissions and amusement tax imposed on
 11 electronic bingo or electronic tip jars under § 4-102(d) of this subtitle is 30% of the net
 12 proceeds subject to the tax.

13 **(2) THE RATE OF THE STATE ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX**
 14 **IMPOSED ON ELECTRONIC BINGO OR ELECTRONIC TIP JARS IN CALVERT**
 15 **COUNTY UNDER § 4-102(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS 33% OF THE NET PROCEEDS**
 16 **SUBJECT TO THE TAX.**

17 **[(2)] (3)** If net proceeds subject to the State admissions and
 18 amusement tax imposed on electronic bingo or electronic tip jars under § 4-102(d) of
 19 this subtitle are also subject to an admissions and amusement tax imposed by a county
 20 or a municipal corporation under this subtitle:

21 (i) the rate of the State tax may not exceed a rate that, when
 22 combined with the rate of any county or municipal corporation tax, will exceed 35% of
 23 the net proceeds; and

24 (ii) the rate of any county or municipal corporation admissions
 25 and amusement tax that is applicable to net proceeds derived from electronic bingo or
 26 electronic tip jars may not exceed the rate of the admissions and amusement tax
 27 imposed by the county or municipal corporation as of January 1, 2009.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, prior to an electronic
 29 bingo machine being authorized for use after ~~July 1, 2012~~ January 1, 2013, the State
 30 Lottery Commission shall certify that the electronic bingo machine complies with all
 31 applicable State laws as of the effective date of this Act.

32 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, a licensee or
 33 organization that is authorized under State law to own or operate electronic bingo
 34 machines for use after July 1, 2012, may repair and replace the authorized electronic
 35 bingo machines provided that the machines operate in the same manner as those in
 36 operation by the same organization as of February 28, 2008, and that the organization

1 does not operate more than the number of electronic bingo machines in operation as of
2 February 28, 2008.

3 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a qualified organization
4 as defined in § 13-201 of the Criminal Law Article that offered instant bingo for a
5 1-year period as of December 31, 2007, and then was required by local regulation to
6 obtain a commercial license may operate up to 10 electronic instant bingo machines as
7 long as the qualified organization complies with the requirements of this Act and pays
8 any applicable license taxes.

9 ~~SECTION 5.~~ SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, regulations adopted
10 by the State Lottery Commission as required under Section 1 of this Act pertaining to
11 the operation of electronic bingo machines shall be at least as stringent as the
12 requirements set forth in Article 11, Title 2, Subtitle 2 of the Anne Arundel County
13 Code as of June 1, 2012.

14 ~~SECTION 6.~~ SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, regulations adopted
15 by the State Lottery Commission under Section 1 of this Act:

16 (1) may include provisions that regulate the repair and replacement of
17 electronic bingo machines authorized under Section 3 of this Act; and

18 (2) shall include provisions providing for the legal operation of
19 amusement games licensed by Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

20 ~~SECTION 7.~~ SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
21 effect July 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.