

HOUSE BILL 545

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Home Games – Bingo**

3 FOR the purpose of adding bingo to the list of home games that an individual may conduct
4 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to gaming.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – State Government
7 Section 9–1C–01
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – State Government**

13 9–1C–01.

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Criminal Law Article, an individual who
15 is at least 21 years old may conduct a home game involving wagering if the home game:

16 (1) is limited to mah jong, [or] a card game, **OR BINGO**;

17 (2) is conducted not more than once a week:

18 (i) in the place of residence of an individual who may also
19 participate as a player in the home game; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) in a common area of a residential property that is restricted to
2 residents who are at least 55 years old;

3 (3) allows a player to compete directly against one or more other players
4 who share a preexisting social relationship;

5 (4) does not allow an individual to benefit financially in any way, directly
6 or indirectly, other than from the winnings accrued by participating as a player in the game;

7 (5) does not involve:

8 (i) a player's use of an electronic device that connects to the
9 Internet;

10 (ii) the use of paid public advertising or promotions;

11 (iii) the charging of a fee for admission, a seat, entertainment, or food
12 and drink or any other fee; or

13 (iv) the use of any money except money used for wagering; and

14 (6) has a limit of \$1,000 on the total amount of money, tokens representing
15 money, or any other thing or consideration of value that may be wagered by all players
16 during any 24-hour period.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2017.