

HOUSE BILL 990

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2017

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Bingo**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing an individual in Harford County who is at least a certain age
4 to conduct a bingo game without a bingo license if the bingo game is conducted in a
5 certain manner; prohibiting an individual from conducting more than a certain
6 number of bingo games in a certain period of time; prohibiting a bingo game from
7 involving certain devices, advertising, fees, or use of money; establishing a certain
8 monetary limit that may be wagered in a certain period of time; and generally
9 relating to bingo games in Harford County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Criminal Law
12 Section 13–1502(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Criminal Law
17 Section 13–1504.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Criminal Law**

23 13–1502.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **13-1504.1.**

2 (A) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD MAY CONDUCT A BINGO
3 GAME WITHOUT A BINGO LICENSE IF:

4 (1) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE BINGO
5 GAME IS NOT MORE THAN 20;

6 (2) THE BINGO GAME IS CONDUCTED:

7 (I) IN THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY
8 ALSO PARTICIPATE AS A PLAYER IN THE BINGO GAME; OR

9 (II) IN A COMMON AREA OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS
10 RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE AT LEAST 55 YEARS OLD; AND

11 (3) THE BINGO GAME ALLOWS A PLAYER TO COMPETE DIRECTLY
12 AGAINST ONE OR MORE OTHER PLAYERS WHO SHARE A PREEXISTING SOCIAL
13 RELATIONSHIP.

14 (B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT CONDUCT MORE THAN ONE BINGO GAME
15 WITHOUT A BINGO LICENSE IN ANY 7-DAY PERIOD.

16 (C) A BINGO GAME AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT INVOLVE:

17 (1) A PLAYER'S USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT CONNECTS TO
18 THE INTERNET;

19 (2) THE USE OF PAID PUBLIC ADVERTISING OR PROMOTIONS;

20 (3) THE CHARGING OF A FEE FOR ADMISSION, A SEAT,
21 ENTERTAINMENT, OR FOOD AND DRINK OR ANY OTHER FEE; OR

22 (4) THE USE OF ANY MONEY EXCEPT MONEY USED FOR WAGERING.

23 (D) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BENEFIT FINANCIALLY IN ANY WAY, DIRECTLY
24 OR INDIRECTLY, FROM A BINGO GAME OTHER THAN FROM THE WINNINGS ACCRUED
25 BY PARTICIPATING AS A PLAYER IN THE BINGO GAME.

26 (E) A BINGO GAME AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL HAVE A LIMIT
27 OF \$1,000 ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY, TOKENS REPRESENTING MONEY, OR
28 ANY OTHER THING OR CONSIDERATION OF VALUE THAT MAY BE WAGERED BY ALL
29 PLAYERS DURING ANY 24-HOUR PERIOD.

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