

# SENATE BILL 992

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CF HB 868

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By: **Senator Jennings**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Senior Citizen Activities Centers – Bingo Games – Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing an individual who is at least a certain age to conduct a bingo  
4 game involving cash prizes if the game is conducted at a certain senior citizen  
5 activities center in a certain manner; defining a certain term; and generally relating  
6 to gaming in senior citizen activities centers.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Human Services

9 Section 10–513(c)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2007 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – State Government

14 Section 9–1C–02

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Human Services**

20 10–513.

21 (c) “Senior citizen activities center” means a community or neighborhood facility  
22 in which a broad spectrum of services are organized and provided to seniors and their  
23 spouses, including health, social, nutritional, educational, and recreational services.

24 **Article – State Government**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **9-1C-02.**

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTER" HAS THE  
3 MEANING STATED IN § 10-513 OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ARTICLE.

4 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THE CRIMINAL LAW  
5 ARTICLE, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD MAY CONDUCT A BINGO  
6 GAME INVOLVING CASH PRIZES IF THE GAME:

7 (1) IS CONDUCTED NOT MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK IN A COMMON AREA  
8 OF A SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTER AND IS RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS,  
9 GUESTS OF MEMBERS, AND PATRONS OF THE CENTER;

10 (2) ALLOWS A PLAYER TO COMPETE DIRECTLY AGAINST ONE OR MORE  
11 OTHER PLAYERS WHERE THE GAME IS HELD;

12 (3) DOES NOT ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO BENEFIT FINANCIALLY IN  
13 ANY WAY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OTHER THAN FROM THE WINNINGS ACCRUED  
14 BY PARTICIPATING AS A PLAYER IN THE GAME;

15 (4) DOES NOT INVOLVE:

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

18 (II) THE USE OF PAID PUBLIC ADVERTISING OR PROMOTIONS;

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

21 (IV) THE USE OF ANY MONEY EXCEPT MONEY USED FOR  
22 PURCHASING BINGO CARDS;

23 (V) PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT BINGO; OR

24 (VI) THE USE OF A MACHINE, AN APPARATUS, OR A DEVICE BY A  
25 PLAYER; AND

26 (5) IS LIMITED SO THAT THE TOTAL FEE CHARGED TO A PLAYER FOR  
27 ALL BINGO CARDS USED BY THE PLAYER DURING AN INDIVIDUAL GAME DOES NOT  
28 EXCEED \$2 AND THE AGGREGATE VALUE OF PRIZES AWARDED IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD  
29 IS EQUAL TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEES THAT ARE COLLECTED FROM ALL THE  
30 PLAYERS DURING THAT PERIOD.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2   1, 2018.