

HOUSE BILL 970

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HB 868/18 – W&M

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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 2018 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article – State Government
14 Section 9–1C–02
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 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**

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, 2019.