

# SENATE BILL 995

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By: **Senator Jackson**

Introduced and read first time: February 22, 2022

Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Electronic Instant Bingo Machines – Expansion**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing an entity licensed to offer instant bingo under a commercial  
4 bingo license on a certain date to operate up to a certain number of electronic instant  
5 bingo machines; requiring the entity to make a certain investment for each  
6 additional machine put into operation; and generally relating to electronic instant  
7 bingo machines.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Criminal Law  
10 Section 12–301.1(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Criminal Law  
15 Section 12–308  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Chapter 603 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012  
20 Section 3

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

23 **Article – Criminal Law**

24 12–301.1.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) In this subtitle, "Commission" means the State Lottery and Gaming Control  
2 Commission.

3 12-308.

4 (A) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, an entity licensed to  
5 offer instant bingo under a commercial bingo license on July 1, 2007, or by a qualified  
6 organization as defined in § 13-201 of this article on the premises of the qualified  
7 organization may continue to operate a game of instant bingo in the same manner using  
8 electronic machines, provided that:

9 (1) [(i) the machines were in operation for a 1-year period ending  
10 December 31, 2007; or

11 (ii) the machines were in operation under a commercial bingo license  
12 on December 31, 2007;

13 (2)] the entity does not operate more **THAN 300 ELECTRONIC MACHINES**  
14 **MORE** than the number of electronic machines in operation on February 28, 2008; and

15 [(3)] **(2)** the conduct of the gaming and operation of the machines are  
16 consistent with all other provisions of this article.

17 **(B) (1) FOR EACH ELECTRONIC MACHINE PUT INTO OPERATION FOR THE**  
18 **FIRST TIME ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2022, THE ENTITY THAT OWNS THE MACHINE**  
19 **SHALL MAKE A \$1,000 INVESTMENT IN THE FACILITY WHERE THE MACHINE IS**  
20 **LOCATED.**

21 **(2) THE INVESTMENT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
22 **SUBSECTION:**

23 **(I) IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION BY THE**  
24 **COMMISSION; AND**

25 **(II) DOES NOT APPLY TO AN ELECTRONIC MACHINE THAT**  
26 **REPLACES A MACHINE THAT WAS IN OPERATION BEFORE JULY 1, 2022.**

27 **Chapter 603 of the Acts of 2012**

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, a licensee or organization  
29 that is authorized under State law to own or operate electronic bingo machines for use after  
30 July 1, 2012, may repair and replace the authorized electronic bingo machines provided  
31 that the machines operate in the same manner as those in operation by the same  
32 organization as of February 28, 2008[, and that the organization does not operate more  
33 than the number of electronic bingo machines in operation as of February 28, 2008].

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2   1, 2022.