SENATE BILL 995

By: Senator Jackson
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Assigned to: Rules

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,
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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
In this subtitle, “Commission” means the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission.

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

(1) the machines were in operation for a 1–year period ending December 31, 2007; or

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

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

(3) the conduct of the gaming and operation of the machines are consistent with all other provisions of this article.

(B) (1) For each electronic machine put into operation for the first time on or after July 1, 2022, the entity that owns the machine shall make a $1,000 investment in the facility where the machine is located.

(2) The investment required under paragraph (1) of this subsection:

(i) is subject to review and certification by the Commission; and

(ii) does not apply to an electronic machine that replaces a machine that was in operation before July 1, 2022.

Chapter 603 of the Acts of 2012

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, a licensee or organization that is authorized under State law to own or operate electronic bingo machines for use after July 1, 2012, may repair and replace the authorized electronic bingo machines provided that the machines operate in the same manner as those in operation by the same organization as of February 28, 2008, and that the organization does not operate more than the number of electronic bingo machines in operation as of February 28, 2008.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.