

Chapter 425

(House Bill 263)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Gaming – ~~Devices and Events~~ Senior Activity Centers

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the definitions of “gaming device” and “gaming event” for purposes of provisions of law governing gaming in St. Mary’s County;~~ authorizing a certain senior activity center to conduct gaming events, bunco games, and card games in St. Mary’s County, subject to certain limitations; requiring any money that remains after prizes are awarded to be used to support future programming at the senior activity center; and generally relating to gaming in St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13-2101(a) and (e) and ~~13-2111~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13-2101(d) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)~~

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13-2116
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

13-2101.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

~~(d) (1) “GAMING DEVICE” MEANS:~~

~~(1) A GAMING TABLE AT WHICH A GAME OF CHANCE IS PLAYED FOR MONEY OR ANY OTHER THING OR CONSIDERATION OF VALUE; OR~~

~~(H) A GAME OR DEVICE AT WHICH MONEY OR ANY OTHER THING OR CONSIDERATION OF VALUE IS BET, WAGERED, OR GAMBLED.~~

~~(2) "Gaming device" includes a paddle wheel, wheel of fortune, chance book, bingo, Nevada card, and a stamp machine.~~

~~[(2)] (3) "Gaming device" does not include a slot machine, as defined in § 12-301 of this article.~~

(e) "Gaming event" means a carnival, bazaar, ~~[or] raffle, BINGO GAME, CARD GAME, OR ANY OTHER EVENT AT WHICH A GAMING DEVICE IS OPERATED.~~

~~13-2111.~~

~~A qualified organization may hold a gaming event and may operate a gaming device if an individual or group of individuals does not:~~

~~(1) benefit financially from the operation of the gaming device; or~~

~~(2) receive from the operation of the gaming device any proceeds for personal use or benefit.~~

13-2116.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER" MEANS A COMMUNITY OR NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY IN WHICH A BROAD SPECTRUM OF SERVICES ARE ORGANIZED AND PROVIDED TO SENIOR CITIZENS AND THEIR SPOUSES, INCLUDING HEALTH, SOCIAL, NUTRITIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES.

(B) A SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER MAY CONDUCT A GAMING EVENT, BUNCO GAME, OR CARD GAME IN THE CENTER.

(C) A SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER MAY NOT:

(1) AWARD A PRIZE OF MONEY EXCEEDING \$50 TO A WINNER IN EACH SESSION; OR

(2) CHARGE A PARTICIPANT MORE THAN \$25 TO PLAY ONE SESSION.

(D) ANY MONEY THAT REMAINS AFTER PRIZES ARE AWARDED SHALL BE USED TO SUPPORT FUTURE PROGRAMMING AT THE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor, May 3, 2023.