

# HOUSE BILL 257

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By: **Delegate Ebersole**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Electronic Instant Bingo Machines – Maximum Number of Machines**

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; and generally relating to electronic instant bingo machines.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Criminal Law  
8 Section 12–308  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Chapter 603 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012  
13 Section 3

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

16 **Article – Criminal Law**

17 12–308.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

5            **[(2)] (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM, the entity  
6 does not operate more than the number of electronic machines in operation on February  
7 28, 2008; OR**

8            **(II) 1. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 85 ELECTRONIC MACHINES  
9 ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN 100 ELECTRONIC  
10 MACHINES;**

11            **2. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 87 ELECTRONIC MACHINES  
12 ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN 100 ELECTRONIC  
13 MACHINES;**

14            **3. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 100 ELECTRONIC  
15 MACHINES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN 150  
16 ELECTRONIC MACHINES;**

17            **4. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 103 ELECTRONIC  
18 MACHINES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN 150  
19 ELECTRONIC MACHINES;**

20            **5. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 200 ELECTRONIC  
21 MACHINES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN 250  
22 ELECTRONIC MACHINES; AND**

23            **6. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 278 ELECTRONIC  
24 MACHINES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN 295  
25 ELECTRONIC MACHINES; and**

26            **[(3)] (2) the conduct of the gaming and operation of the machines are  
27 consistent with all other provisions of this article.**

## 28            **Chapter 603 of the Acts of 2012**

29            SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, a licensee or organization  
30 that is authorized under State law to own or operate electronic bingo machines for use after  
31 July 1, 2012, may repair and replace the authorized electronic bingo machines provided  
32 that the machines operate in the same manner as those in operation by the same  
33 organization as of February 28, 2008[, and that the organization does not operate more  
34 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, 2023.