

# HOUSE BILL 263

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By: ~~Delegate M. Morgan~~ St. Mary's County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Gaming – ~~Devices and Events~~ Senior Activity Centers**

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

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

14 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~  
15 ~~Article – Criminal Law~~  
16 ~~Section 13-2101(d) and (e)~~  
17 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
18 ~~(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)~~

19 BY adding to  
20 Article – Criminal Law  
21 Section 13-2116  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(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:~~

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

~~(II) 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.

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

3           **(C) A SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER MAY NOT:**

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

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

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

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.