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**Testimony of Senator Craig J. Zucker**  
**Senate Bill 623 – Electronic Instant Bingo Machine – Maximum Number of Machine**  
**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee**  
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**1:00 PM**  
**Position: Favorable**

Good afternoon, Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and distinguished members of the committee. It is my pleasure to testify today in support of **Senate Bill 623 – Electronic Instant Bingo Machine – Maximum Number of Machine.**

Senate Bill 623 increases the maximum number of electronic instant bingo machines that a licensed entity has under a commercial bingo license may operate as follows:

- 100 electronic machines if the entity operated 85 or 87 electronic machines on February 28, 2008;
- 150 electronic machines if the entity operated 100 or 103 electronic machines on February 28, 2008;
- 250 electronic machines if the entity operated 200 electronic machines on February 28, 2008; and
- 295 electronic machines if the entity operated 278 electronic machines on February 28, 2008.

This bill authorizes an additional 192 machines – 147 in Anne Arundel County and 45 in Calvert County. The Department of Legislative Services estimates that the local revenue in Anne Arundel County will generate around \$977,500 annually, and \$269,300 in Calvert County from additional Admissions and Amusement (A&A) Taxes.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report for Senate Bill 623. Thank you for your kind consideration.