

HOUSE BILL 350

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2017

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Gaming – Bingo Games**

3 **MC 16–17**

4 FOR the purpose of allowing, in Montgomery County, an individual who is at least a certain
5 age to conduct a bingo game involving cash prizes if the game is conducted at a
6 certain residential property in a certain manner; and generally relating to gaming
7 in Montgomery County.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Criminal Law

10 Section 13–1803(c)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Law**

16 13–1803.

17 **(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN**
18 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD MAY**
19 **CONDUCT A BINGO GAME INVOLVING CASH PRIZES IF THE GAME:**

20 **(1) IS CONDUCTED NOT MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK IN A COMMON AREA**
21 **OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE AT**
22 **LEAST 55 YEARS OLD;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) ALLOWS A PLAYER TO COMPETE DIRECTLY AGAINST ONE OR MORE**
2 **OTHER PLAYERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WHERE THE**
3 **GAME IS HELD;**

4 **(3) DOES NOT ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO BENEFIT FINANCIALLY IN**
5 **ANY WAY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OTHER THAN FROM THE WINNINGS ACCRUED**
6 **BY PARTICIPATING AS A PLAYER IN THE GAME;**

7 **(4) DOES NOT INVOLVE:**

8 **(I) A PLAYER’S USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT**
9 **CONNECTS TO THE INTERNET;**

10 **(II) THE USE OF PAID PUBLIC ADVERTISING OR PROMOTIONS;**

11 **(III) THE CHARGING OF A FEE FOR ADMISSION, A SEAT,**
12 **ENTERTAINMENT, OR FOOD AND DRINK OR ANY OTHER FEE; OR**

13 **(IV) THE USE OF ANY MONEY EXCEPT MONEY USED FOR**
14 **PURCHASING BINGO CARDS; AND**

15 **(5) HAS A LIMIT OF \$1,000 ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY,**
16 **TOKENS REPRESENTING MONEY, OR ANY OTHER THING OR CONSIDERATION OF**
17 **VALUE THAT MAY BE WON BY ALL PLAYERS DURING ANY 24-HOUR PERIOD.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2017.