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 |
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| 2 | Montgomery County - Gaming - Bingo Games |
| 3 | MC 16–17 |
| $4\\5\\6\\7$ | FOR the purpose of allowing, in Montgomery County, an individual who is at least a certain age to conduct a bingo game involving cash prizes if the game is conducted at a certain residential property in a certain manner; and generally relating to gaming in Montgomery County. |
| 8 9 10 11 12 | BY adding to Article – Criminal Law Section 13–1803(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement) |
| 13 14 | SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: |
| 15 | Article - Criminal Law |
| 16 | 13–1803. |
| 17 18 19 | (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD MAY CONDUCT A BINGO GAME INVOLVING CASH PRIZES IF THE GAME: |
| 20 21 22 | (1) IS CONDUCTED NOT MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK IN A COMMON AREA OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE AT LEAST 55 YEARS OLD; |



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