

SENATE BILL 1139

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By: **Senators Conway and Ferguson**

Introduced and read first time: March 2, 2016

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Commercial Bingo – Permits**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a commercial instant bingo permit in Baltimore City;
4 authorizing the Bureau of Revenue Collections to issue a permit to an entity that
5 meets certain requirements; specifying that for commercial purposes the permit
6 holder may resume operating games of instant bingo in a certain manner under
7 certain circumstances; requiring the Bureau to adopt regulations to carry out this
8 Act; and generally relating to commercial bingo in Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Criminal Law
11 Section 13–502
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Criminal Law
16 Section 13–507(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Criminal Law
21 Section 13–511
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Criminal Law**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-502.

2 This subtitle applies only in Baltimore City.

3 13-507.

4 (a) (1) This section and § 13-509 of this subtitle also apply to games of instant
5 bingo.

6 (2) **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO GAMES OF COMMERCIAL**
7 **INSTANT BINGO AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13-511 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

8 **13-511.**

9 (A) **THERE IS A COMMERCIAL INSTANT BINGO PERMIT.**

10 (B) **THE BUREAU OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS MAY ISSUE A COMMERCIAL**
11 **INSTANT BINGO PERMIT TO A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION, AS DEFINED IN § 13-201**
12 **OF THIS ARTICLE, THAT WAS AUTHORIZED TO OFFER INSTANT BINGO ON JULY 1,**
13 **1995.**

14 (C) **FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY RESUME**
15 **OPERATING GAMES OF INSTANT BINGO IN THE SAME MANNER USING ELECTRONIC**
16 **MACHINES, PROVIDED THAT:**

17 (1) **THE MACHINES WERE IN OPERATION FOR A 1-YEAR PERIOD**
18 **ENDING ON JUNE 30, 1996;**

19 (2) **THE ENTITY DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF**
20 **ELECTRONIC MACHINES IN OPERATION ON JUNE 30, 1996; AND**

21 (3) **THE CONDUCT OF THE GAMING AND OPERATION OF THE**
22 **MACHINES ARE CONSISTENT WITH ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.**

23 (D) **THE BUREAU OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS**
24 **TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2016.