

SENATE BILL 404

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Home Gaming – Bunco**

3 FOR the purpose of adding bunco to the games for which an individual who is at least 21
4 years old may conduct a home game involving wagering under certain circumstances;
5 and generally relating to home gaming.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – State Government
8 Section 9–1C–01
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – State Government**

14 9–1C–01.

15 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Criminal Law Article, an individual who
16 is at least 21 years old may conduct a home game involving wagering if the home game:

17 (1) is limited to mah jong [or], a card game, **OR BUNCO**;

18 (2) is conducted not more than once a week:

19 (i) in the place of residence of an individual who may also
20 participate as a player in the home game; or

21 (ii) in a common area of a residential property that is restricted to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 residents who are at least 55 years old;

2 (3) allows a player to compete directly against one or more other players
3 who share a preexisting social relationship;

4 (4) does not allow an individual to benefit financially in any way, directly
5 or indirectly, other than from the winnings accrued by participating as a player in the game;

6 (5) does not involve:

7 (i) a player's use of an electronic device that connects to the
8 Internet;

9 (ii) the use of paid public advertising or promotions;

10 (iii) the charging of a fee for admission, a seat, entertainment, or food
11 and drink or any other fee; or

12 (iv) the use of any money except money used for wagering; and

13 (6) has a limit of \$1,000 on the total amount of money, tokens representing
14 money, or any other thing or consideration of value that may be wagered by all players
15 during any 24-hour period.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2018.