

SENATE BILL 858

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By: ~~Senator Guzzone~~ Senators Guzzone and Jackson

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Electronic Instant Bingo Machines – Maximum Number of Machines**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing an entity licensed to offer instant bingo under a commercial
4 bingo license on a certain date to operate up to a certain number of electronic instant
5 bingo machines; and generally relating to electronic instant bingo machines.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Criminal Law

8 Section 12–308

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Chapter 603 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012

13 Section 3

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Criminal Law**

17 12–308.

18 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, an entity licensed to offer
19 instant bingo under a commercial bingo license on July 1, 2007, or by a qualified

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 organization as defined in § 13-201 of this article on the premises of the qualified
 2 organization may continue to operate a game of instant bingo in the same manner using
 3 electronic machines, provided that:

4 ~~(1) (i) the machines were in operation for a 1-year period ending~~
 5 ~~December 31, 2007; or~~

6 ~~(ii) the machines were in operation under a commercial bingo license~~
 7 ~~on December 31, 2007;~~

8 ~~(2) (1) (I) [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM, the~~
 9 ~~entity] IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 200 OR MORE ELECTRONIC MACHINES ON~~
 10 ~~FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT~~ does not operate more than the number of electronic machines in
 11 operation on February 28, 2008; OR

12 (II) 1. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED ~~FEWER THAN 200~~ **85**
 13 **ELECTRONIC MACHINES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN**
 14 **~~199~~ 100 ELECTRONIC MACHINES;**

15 2. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 87 ELECTRONIC MACHINES
 16 ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN 100 ELECTRONIC
 17 MACHINES;

18 3. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 100 ELECTRONIC
 19 MACHINES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN 150
 20 ELECTRONIC MACHINES;

21 4. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 103 ELECTRONIC
 22 MACHINES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN 150
 23 ELECTRONIC MACHINES;

24 5. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 200 ELECTRONIC
 25 MACHINES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN ~~225~~ 250
 26 ELECTRONIC MACHINES; AND

27 6. IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 278 ELECTRONIC
 28 MACHINES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN ~~300~~ 295
 29 ELECTRONIC MACHINES; and

30 ~~(3) (2)~~ the conduct of the gaming and operation of the machines are
 31 consistent with all other provisions of this article.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, a licensee or organization
2 that is authorized under State law to own or operate electronic bingo machines for use after
3 July 1, 2012, may repair and replace the authorized electronic bingo machines provided
4 that the machines operate in the same manner as those in operation by the same
5 organization as of February 28, 2008[, and that the organization does not operate more
6 than the number of electronic bingo machines in operation as of February 28, 2008].

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.