

SENATE BILL 858

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2022

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

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
20 organization as defined in § 13–201 of this article on the premises of the qualified
21 organization may continue to operate a game of instant bingo in the same manner using
22 electronic machines, provided that:

23 (1) (i) the machines were in operation for a 1–year period ending
24 December 31, 2007; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) the machines were in operation under a commercial bingo license
2 on December 31, 2007;

3 (2) (I) [the entity] **IF THE ENTITY OPERATED 200 OR MORE**
4 **ELECTRONIC MACHINES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT** does not operate more than the
5 number of electronic machines in operation on February 28, 2008; **OR**

6 (II) **IF THE ENTITY OPERATED FEWER THAN 200 ELECTRONIC**
7 **MACHINES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008, IT DOES NOT OPERATE MORE THAN 199**
8 **ELECTRONIC MACHINES;** and

9 (3) the conduct of the gaming and operation of the machines are consistent
10 with all other provisions of this article.

11 Chapter 603 of the Acts of 2012

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

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2022.