

# HOUSE BILL 954

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By: **Delegates Patterson, McComas, and Williams**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Electronic Instant Bingo Machines – Paper Tickets Option**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain electronic machines offering a game of instant bingo  
4 to provide a player the option to print a paper ticket for each game of instant bingo  
5 played; 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 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 12–308.

15 **(A)** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, an entity licensed to  
16 offer instant bingo under a commercial bingo license on July 1, 2007, or by a qualified  
17 organization as defined in § 13–201 of this article on the premises of the qualified  
18 organization may continue to operate a game of instant bingo in the same manner using  
19 electronic machines, provided that:

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2)    the entity does not operate more than the number of electronic  
2 machines in operation on February 28, 2008; and

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

5                   **(B)    AN ELECTRONIC MACHINE ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**  
6 **SECTION TO OFFER A GAME OF INSTANT BINGO MAY PROVIDE A PLAYER THE OPTION**  
7 **TO PRINT A PAPER TICKET FOR EACH INSTANT BINGO GAME PLAYED.**

8                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2024.