

SENATE BILL 896

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By: **Senator Conway**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2012

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Gaming – Electronic Bingo**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain qualified organizations to operate an electronic
4 bingo machine or an electronic tip jar or paper pull tab machine in Baltimore
5 City; authorizing the Baltimore City Police Commissioner to issue certain
6 licenses; providing that a certain machine is subject to a certain State tax rate
7 and the payment of a certain State tax; requiring the Commissioner to adopt
8 certain regulations; altering a certain term; and generally relating to gaming in
9 Baltimore City.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Criminal Law
12 Section 12–301(3)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Criminal Law
17 Section 13–502
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Criminal Law
22 Section 13–511
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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Article – Criminal Law

2 12–301.

3 In this subtitle:

4 (3) “slot machine” does not include a machine, apparatus, or device
5 that:

6 (i) awards the user only free additional games or plays;

7 (ii) awards the user only noncash merchandise or noncash
8 prizes of minimal value;9 (iii) dispenses paper pull tab tip jar tickets or paper pull tab
10 instant bingo tickets that must be opened manually by the user provided that the
11 machine, apparatus, or device does not:

12 1. read the tickets electronically;

13 2. alert the user to a winning or losing ticket; or

14 3. tabulate a player’s winnings and losses;

15 (iv) 1. displays facsimiles of bingo cards that users mark and
16 monitor according to numbers called on the premises by an individual where the user
17 is operating the machine; and18 2. does not permit a user to play more than 54 bingo
19 cards at the same time;20 (v) is used by the State Lottery Commission under Title 9 of the
21 State Government Article; [or]22 (vi) if legislation takes effect authorizing the operation of video
23 lottery terminals, is a video lottery terminal as defined in and licensed under that
24 legislation; **OR**25 **(VII) IS USED TO PLAY ELECTRONIC BINGO, ELECTRONIC TIP**
26 **JARS, OR PAPER PULL TABS IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE UNDER § 13–511 OF**
27 **THIS ARTICLE.**

28 13–502.

29 This subtitle applies only in Baltimore City.

1 **13-511.**

2 (A) AN ORGANIZATION QUALIFIED TO OPERATE A GAMING EVENT
3 UNDER § 13-503 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY OPERATE AN ELECTRONIC BINGO
4 MACHINE OR AN ELECTRONIC TIP JAR OR A PAPER PULL TAB MACHINE.

5 (B) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE LICENSES TO QUALIFIED
6 ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION.

7 (C) AN ELECTRONIC BINGO MACHINE OR AN ELECTRONIC TIP JAR OR
8 PAPER PULL TAB MACHINE OPERATED BY A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION AS
9 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE
10 ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENTS TAX RATE DESCRIBED IN § 4-105(A-1) OF THE
11 TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE AND PAYMENT OF THE ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT
12 TAX UNDER § 4-102(D) OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE.

13 (D) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT
14 THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS THAT SPECIFY:

15 (1) THE NUMBER AND TERM OF LICENSES TO BE ISSUED;

16 (2) THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF THE ELECTRONIC BINGO,
17 ELECTRONIC TIP JAR, OR PAPER PULL TAB MACHINES IN BALTIMORE CITY;

18 (3) QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR LICENSES;

19 (4) GROUNDS FOR LICENSE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION; AND

20 (5) LICENSE FEES.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 June 1, 2012.