

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 251A(j) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Gaming," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

251A.

(j) A prize in cash, merchandise, or services for any one game of bingo conducted and operated under the provisions of this section shall not exceed in value the amount of \$15.00, except that "jackpot" prizes may be offered in a maximum amount of \$250.00. If the organization or municipal corporation conducts and operates a game of bingo on premises which are rented or leased by it, the rental or leasing agreement must first be approved by the bingo board before a license may be issued. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the conduct and operation of a game bingo on Sunday. No person under 18 years of age shall be permitted to engage or participate in any game of bingo operated and conducted under the provisions of this section. The charge for admission to any premises in order to engage or participate in a game of bingo shall not exceed the sum of \$1.00. Games of bingo shall not be conducted on more than seventy-five days in any year by any licensee hereunder. No games shall be conducted in any room or area where alcoholic beverages are sold or served during the progress of the game. No license shall be issued to any applicant qualified under the provisions of this section to conduct games of bingo outside the election district in which its main office, headquarters, or usual meeting place is situated. No game shall be advertised as to its location, the time when it is to be or has been conducted, or the prizes awarded or to be awarded, by means of radio, television or sound track SYSTEMS, or by means of billboards, posters or handbills (*except as specified hereinbelow in this sub-section*) or any other means addressed to the general public except that one sign not exceeding twelve square feet in area may be displayed on or adjacent to the premises where the game will be conducted. ~~Notwithstanding the prohibition above in this sub-section concerning the use of posters or handbills, it is not a violation of this sub-section to show information about a game or the prizes awarded on a bulletin board or by use of posters or handbills in or on such premises and places as hotels, motels, restaurants, stores, SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, and information centers, THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE ELECTION DISTRICT IN WHICH THE GAME IS TO BE CONDUCTED if done in accordance with general rules and regulations promulgated under sub-section (e).~~ WILL BE CONDUCTED. ALSO, NOTICE THAT A GAME IS TO BE HELD MAY BE POSTED ON A BULLETIN BOARD OR INCLUDED ON A POSTER INSIDE THE PREMISES OF A HOTEL, MOTEL, RESTAURANT OR STORE THAT IS LOCATED IN THE ELECTION DISTRICT IN WHICH THE GAME IS TO BE CONDUCTED, IF DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER SUBSECTION (E).

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.