

## CHAPTER 352

(Senate Bill 545)

AN ACT concerning

## Baltimore City - Bingo

FOR the purpose of ~~eliminating~~ altering the prize structure limitations for games of bingo conducted by certain organizations in Baltimore City; and generally relating to the conduct of bingo games in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
 Section 260  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)  
 (As enacted by Chapter 300 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1983)

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

## Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

260.

(a) In this section, "bingo" includes the game of instant bingo.

(b) Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to make it unlawful for any bona fide fraternal, religious, patriotic, educational or charitable organization or any bona fide fraternal, religious, patriotic, educational or charitable corporation to operate or conduct a game of bingo in Baltimore City ~~where no cash or prize of a greater value than fifteen dollars--(\$15.00)~~ \$45 is offered or given in any one game and where the entire proceeds are devoted to charitable purposes exclusively or in furtherance of the purposes of such organization or corporation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any organization or corporation devoted exclusively to charitable, religious or educational purposes or any service, fraternal or veterans organizations whose net earnings do not inure to the benefit of any stockholder or member of the association conducting the same may conduct or operate a game of bingo in Baltimore City if the entire proceeds are devoted to charitable purposes exclusively or