## SENATE BILL 1006

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By: Senator Jennings

AN ACT concerning

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

## A BILL ENTITLED

2	Senior Citizen Activities Centers - Bingo Games - Authorization

- FOR the purpose of allowing an individual who is at least a certain age to conduct a bingo game involving cash prizes if the game is conducted at a certain senior citizen
- 5 activities center in a certain manner; defining a certain term; and generally relating
- 6 to gaming in senior citizen activities centers.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 8 Article Human Services
- 9 Section 10–513(c)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 12 BY adding to

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- 13 Article State Government
- 14 Section 9–1C–02
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 19 Article Human Services
- 20 10-513.

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- 21 (c) "Senior citizen activities center" means a community or neighborhood facility
- 22 in which a broad spectrum of services are organized and provided to seniors and their
- 23 spouses, including health, social, nutritional, educational, and recreational services.

## Article - State Government



- 1 **9–1C–02.**
- 2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTER" HAS THE 3 MEANING STATED IN § 10–513 OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ARTICLE.
- 4 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THE CRIMINAL LAW
- 5 ARTICLE, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD MAY CONDUCT A BINGO
- 6 GAME INVOLVING CASH PRIZES IF THE GAME:
- 7 (1) IS CONDUCTED NOT MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK IN A COMMON AREA
- 8 OF A SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTER AND IS RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS,
- 9 GUESTS OF MEMBERS, AND PATRONS OF THE CENTER;
- 10 (2) ALLOWS A PLAYER TO COMPETE DIRECTLY AGAINST ONE OR MORE
- 11 OTHER PLAYERS WHERE THE GAME IS HELD;
- 12 (3) DOES NOT ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO BENEFIT FINANCIALLY IN
- 13 ANY WAY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OTHER THAN FROM THE WINNINGS ACCRUED
- 14 BY PARTICIPATING AS A PLAYER IN THE GAME;
- 15 (4) DOES NOT INVOLVE:
- 16 (I) A PLAYER'S USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT
- 17 CONNECTS TO THE INTERNET:
- 18 (II) THE USE OF PAID PUBLIC ADVERTISING OR PROMOTIONS;
- 19 (III) THE CHARGING OF A FEE FOR ADMISSION, A SEAT,
- 20 ENTERTAINMENT, OR FOOD AND DRINK OR ANY OTHER FEE;
- 21 (IV) THE USE OF ANY MONEY EXCEPT MONEY USED FOR
- 22 PURCHASING BINGO CARDS; OR
- 23 (V) PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT BINGO; AND
- 24 (5) IS LIMITED SO THAT THE TOTAL FEE CHARGED TO A PLAYER FOR
- 25 ALL BINGO CARDS USED BY THE PLAYER DURING AN INDIVIDUAL GAME DOES NOT
- 26 EXCEED \$2 AND THE AGGREGATE VALUE OF PRIZES AWARDED IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD
- 27 IS EQUAL TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEES THAT ARE COLLECTED FROM ALL THE
- 28 PLAYERS DURING THAT PERIOD.
- 29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
- 30 1, 2017.