

# HOUSE BILL 135

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By: **Delegates Lierman, Boyce, Forbes, Hettleman, R. Lewis, McIntosh, and Rosenberg**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Admissions and Amusement Tax – Electronic Bingo and Tip Jars – Distribution**  
3 **to Maryland State Arts Council**

4 FOR the purpose of altering, beginning in a certain fiscal year, the distribution of revenue  
5 from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip  
6 jars; and generally relating to the distribution of revenue from the State admissions  
7 and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Tax – General  
10 Section 2–202(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Tax – General**

16 2–202.

17 (a) After making the distribution required under § 2–201 of this subtitle, within  
18 20 days after the end of each quarter, the Comptroller shall distribute:

19 (1) except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, from the  
20 revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic  
21 tip jars under § 4–102(e) of this article:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(i) 1. for fiscal years 2016 through 2021, the revenue attributable to a tax rate of 20% to the Maryland E–Nnovation Initiative Fund under § 6–604 of the Economic Development Article; and

2. in fiscal year 2022 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the revenue attributable to a tax rate of 20% to the General Fund of the State; and

(ii) [1. for fiscal year 2018, the revenue attributable to a tax rate of 5% as follows:

A. to the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland, as provided in § 4–801 of the Economic Development Article, up to an aggregate amount of \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year; and

B. the remainder to the Maryland State Arts Council, as provided in § 4–512 of the Economic Development Article;

2. for fiscal years 2019 through 2021] **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER**, the revenue attributable to a tax rate of 5% as follows:

[A.] 1. to the Maryland State Arts Council, as provided in § 4–512 of the Economic Development Article, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year; and

[B.] 2. the remainder to the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland, as provided in § 4–801 of the Economic Development Article; and

[3. in fiscal year 2022 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the revenue attributable to a tax rate of 5% to the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland, as provided in § 4–801 of the Economic Development Article; and]

(2) the remaining admissions and amusement tax revenue:

(i) to the Maryland Stadium Authority, county, or municipal corporation that is the source of the revenue; or

(ii) if the Maryland Stadium Authority and also a county or municipal corporation tax a reduced charge or free admission:

1. 80% of that revenue to the Authority; and

2. 20% to the county or municipal corporation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.