

# HOUSE BILL 545

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Home Games – Bingo**

3 FOR the purpose of adding bingo to the list of home games that an individual may conduct  
4 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to gaming.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – State Government  
7 Section 9–1C–01  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – State Government**

13 9–1C–01.

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Criminal Law Article, an individual who  
15 is at least 21 years old may conduct a home game involving wagering if the home game:

16 (1) is limited to mah jong, [or] a card game, **OR BINGO**;

17 (2) is conducted not more than once a week:

18 (i) in the place of residence of an individual who may also  
19 participate as a player in the home game; or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(ii) in a common area of a residential property that is restricted to residents who are at least 55 years old;

(3) allows a player to compete directly against one or more other players who share a preexisting social relationship;

(4) does not allow an individual to benefit financially in any way, directly or indirectly, other than from the winnings accrued by participating as a player in the game;

(5) does not involve:

(i) a player's use of an electronic device that connects to the Internet;

(ii) the use of paid public advertising or promotions;

(iii) the charging of a fee for admission, a seat, entertainment, or food and drink or any other fee; or

(iv) the use of any money except money used for wagering; and

(6) has a limit of \$1,000 on the total amount of money, tokens representing money, or any other thing or consideration of value that may be wagered by all players during any 24-hour period.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.