

SENATE BILL 311

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CF HB 127

By: **Senators King, Guzzone, Kagan, and Madaleno**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Criminal Law~~ **Gaming – Home Games**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing an individual who is at least a certain age to conduct a home
4 game involving wagering if the home game is conducted in a certain manner; and
5 generally relating to gaming.

6 ~~BY adding to~~

7 ~~Article – Criminal Law~~

8 ~~Section 12-115~~

9 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

10 ~~(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)~~

11 BY adding to

12 Article – State Government

13 Section 9-1B-01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 1B. Gaming Laws”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

18 ~~Article – Criminal Law~~

19 Article – State Government

20 SUBTITLE 1B. GAMING LAWS.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~12-115.9-1B-01.~~

2 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF ~~THIS ARTICLE~~ THE CRIMINAL
3 LAW ARTICLE, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD MAY CONDUCT A
4 HOME GAME INVOLVING WAGERING IF THE HOME GAME:

5 (1) IS LIMITED TO MAH JONG OR A CARD GAME;

6 (2) IS CONDUCTED NOT MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK:

7 (I) IN THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY
8 ALSO PARTICIPATE AS A PLAYER IN THE HOME GAME; OR

9 (II) IN A COMMON AREA OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS
10 RESTRICTED TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE AT LEAST 55 YEARS OLD;

11 (3) ALLOWS A PLAYER TO COMPETE DIRECTLY AGAINST ONE OR MORE
12 OTHER PLAYERS WHO SHARE A PREEXISTING SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP;

13 (4) DOES NOT ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO BENEFIT FINANCIALLY IN
14 ANY WAY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OTHER THAN FROM THE WINNINGS ACCRUED
15 BY PARTICIPATING AS A PLAYER IN THE GAME;

16 (5) DOES NOT INVOLVE:

17 (I) A PLAYER'S USE OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT
18 CONNECTS TO THE INTERNET;

19 (II) THE USE OF PAID PUBLIC ADVERTISING OR PROMOTIONS;

20 (III) THE CHARGING OF A FEE FOR ADMISSION, A SEAT,
21 ENTERTAINMENT, OR FOOD AND DRINK OR ANY OTHER FEE; OR

22 (IV) THE USE OF ANY MONEY EXCEPT MONEY USED FOR
23 WAGERING; AND

24 (6) HAS A LIMIT OF \$2,000 ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY ~~OR,~~
25 TOKENS REPRESENTING MONEY, OR ANY OTHER THING OR CONSIDERATION OF
26 VALUE THAT MAY BE WAGERED BY ALL PLAYERS DURING ANY 24-HOUR PERIOD.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2016.