

# PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 36-22

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, April 18, 2022

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Introduced and first read on April 18, 2022  
Public Hearing set for May 16, 2022  
Bill Expires July 22, 2022

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Amusements – Linked Bingo  
2 Games

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4 FOR the purpose of amending certain definitions; allowing players to participate virtually  
5 in linked bingo games under certain circumstances; requiring certain notices and signs  
6 for linked bingo games; amending the requirements of a linked bingo game provider  
7 license; and generally relating to licenses and registrations.

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9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: §§ 11-2-201(2), (10), and (11); 11-2-  
10 208(a); and 11-2-218(a)  
11 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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13 BY adding: § 11-2-208(e)  
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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16 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*  
17 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

## 18 19 ARTICLE 11. LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS

### 20 21 TITLE 2. AMUSEMENTS

#### 22 **11-2-201. Definitions.**

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24 In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[[Brackets]] indicate matter repealed from existing law.  
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

1 (2) “Bingo” means that specific game of chance played with cards having  
2 randomly-numbered squares ranging from 1 to 75 in which prizes are awarded on the basis  
3 of designated numbers on the cards conforming to a predetermined pattern of numbers.  
4 The cards shall have five vertical rows headed respectively by the letters B.I.N.G.O., with  
5 each row having five randomly numbered squares, except that one or more squares may be  
6 labeled “free”. The term “bingo” includes instant bingo AND LINKED BINGO GAMES.

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8 (10) “Linked bingo game” means a COMMERCIAL bingo game [[simultaneously  
9 played at two or more locations at which licensees are]] THAT INCLUDES PLAYERS  
10 PARTICIPATING REMOTELY FROM A DIFFERENT LOCATION OR VIRTUALLY AND  
11 OPERATED BY A LICENSED LINKED BINGO GAME PROVIDER AT A LOCATION FROM WHICH  
12 A COMMERCIAL BINGO LICENSE HOLDER IS authorized to conduct commercial bingo  
13 games.

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15 (11) “Linked bingo game provider” means a person who OPERATES A LINKED  
16 BINGO GAME OR provides equipment or management services to be used in the conduct of  
17 a linked bingo game.

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19 **11-2-208. Location of commercial bingo games; notices and signs.**

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21 (a) **Location.** Each license authorizes the operation of commercial bingo games in a  
22 structure at the single, specific location described on the license. The location of  
23 commercial bingo games may not be moved without the written approval of the Director.  
24 LINKED BINGO GAMES SHALL BE OPERATED FROM THE SINGLE, SPECIFIC LOCATION  
25 DESCRIBED ON THE LICENSE, BUT LINKED BINGO GAME PLAYERS MAY PARTICIPATE  
26 FROM A DIFFERENT LOCATION AND MAY PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY.

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28 (E) **Linked bingo games.** ANY LINKED BINGO GAME SHALL INCLUDE THE  
29 CONSPICUOUS DISPLAY OF THE NOTICES AND SIGNS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

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31 **11-2-218. Linked bingo game provider license.**

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33 (a) **Requirements.** A linked bingo game may be [[conducted]] OPERATED only by a  
34 licensed linked bingo game provider, and the provider may [[conduct]] OPERATE A linked  
35 bingo [[games]] GAME only [[at locations ]] FROM A LOCATION in the County at which  
36 commercial bingo is authorized AS SPECIFIED ON THE LINKED BINGO GAME LICENSE.  
37 PLAYERS OF A LINKED BINGO GAME MAY PARTICIPATE FROM A DIFFERENT LOCATION  
38 AND MAY PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY. A linked bingo game provider [[may offer not more  
39 than one linked bingo game per session and]] shall provide documentary evidence [[to  
40 ensure]] that each prize winner [[is]] WILL BE paid within 48 hours AND SHALL PAY EACH  
41 PRIZE WINNER WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE LINKED BINGO GAME.

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43 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days  
44 from the date it becomes law.