

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** 11/25/2003 **Reference No.:** CB-77-2003

**Proposer:** Dernoga **Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Dernoga, Peters, Exum

**Item Title:** An Act clarifying the limitation on certain prizes

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**Drafter:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**Resource** Andrew D. Eppelmann  
**Personnel:** Legislative Aide

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 9/30/2003 **Executive Action:** 12/12/2003 S

**Committee Referral:** 9/30/2003 PSFM **Effective Date:** 1/27/2004

**Committee Action:** 10/22/2003 FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 10/28/2003

**Public Hearing:** 11/25/2003 10:00 A.M.

**Council Action:** 11/25/2003 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** PS:-, MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A; TH:A, TK:A, DP:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** Date: 10/22/03

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, (In Favor: Councilmembers Exum, Bland, Hendershot, Knotts, and Peters.)

This bill will amend Section 5-117 of the County Code by increasing bingo operations daily prize limits (combination of merchandise and cash) for charitable organizations from \$3,500 to \$8,000.

The Legislative Officer has reviewed this resolution and finds it to be in proper legislative form.

The legislation was amended by deleting five hundred on page 2, line 3.

Most of the speakers supported the legislation which increases the amount from \$3,500 to \$8,000. They stated that the increase will allow them to be more competitive with the neighboring jurisdictions. Council Member Hendershot requested information on the number of

small operations that will be affected by increasing the amount to \$8,000.

There were some concerns with the language on page 2, lines 5-9, and it was requested that pull-tabs be clearly identified as a separate activity. However, the Office of Law representative and the Legislative Officer stated that the original language was inclusive of all alternate kinds of bingo operations and recommended that the original language be retained.

The sponsor of the bill stated that the Council should request next year that the General Assembly increase the State cash prize amount which is presently \$1,000.

The Crescent Cities Jaycees recommend increasing the amount to \$5,000 until more protective measures are provided.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-77-2003.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT  
(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

The proposed legislation would increase the daily prize limit for bingo operations by charitable gaming operators in the County.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**