

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2017 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-38-2017

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Franklin

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Benefit Prizes

3 For the purpose of increasing the value of bingo prizes that volunteer fire corporations can offer;
4 prescribing certain limitations on benefit prizes; and generally relating to benefit prizes.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

7 Section 5-117,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2015 Edition; 2016 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Section 5-117 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 **SUBTITLE 5. – BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.**

14 **DIVISION 2. – BENEFIT PERFORMANCES.**

15 **Sec. 5-117. - Limitation on prizes.**

16 (a) Prizes shall be limited as follows:

17 (1) Any benefit performance, other than a raffle, charitable gaming event, or bingo, may
18 include the award of cash prizes of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per prize or
19 the award of merchandise.

20 (2) Any raffle may include the award of cash prizes totaling up to Five Thousand Dollars
21 (\$5,000.00) and the award of merchandise in any amount or the merchandise cash equivalent.

1 (3) No bingo operation may include the award of cash prizes or merchandise in an
2 amount or value greater than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per prize and such prizes shall
3 not exceed a total amount or value of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) per day of operation,
4 except for volunteer fire corporations, which may conduct bingo operations with the award of
5 cash prizes or merchandize in an amount or value not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars
6 (\$5,000.00) per prize and the award of cash prizes or merchandize not to exceed a total amount
7 or value of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) per day of operation, adjusted for inflation.

8 (4) Any charitable gaming event may include the award of cash prizes of not more than
9 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per prize.

10 (5) The limitation on prizes for each licensed or permitted activity shall be determined
11 individually, regardless of the number of activities which are operated at the same time or at the
12 same location. Prizes for licensed or permitted activities under this Division shall not include
13 firearms or weapons.

14 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
15 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.