

financial reports to be submitted to, and reviewed ~~and acknowledged by,~~ certain governmental entities of Baltimore County within a certain period of time; authorizing the Baltimore County Department of Permits and Licenses to adopt regulations necessary for the implementation of certain provisions of law; providing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to gaming events in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 255(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

255.

(b) (1) This subtitle may not be construed to make it unlawful for any volunteer fire company or bona fide fraternal, civic, war veterans', religious or charitable organization or corporation to conduct or hold a carnival, bazaar, or raffle for the exclusive benefit of any such volunteer fire company or fraternal, civic, war veterans', religious or charitable organization or corporation, if no individual or group of individuals benefits financially from the holding of any bazaar, carnival, or raffle or receives or is paid any of the proceeds from any carnival, bazaar, or raffle, for personal use or benefit.

(2) The organization or corporation may award prizes in cash or in merchandise by such devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels, wheels of fortune, chance books, bingo, or any other gaming device.

(3) However, carnivals, bazaars, or raffles shall be managed by the members of such group, organization or corporation personally through its members.

(4) In Carroll County, any bazaar, carnival, raffle, or game of bingo shall be subject to the restrictions of § 258 of this article.

(f) (1) In this subsection "bona fide civic organization" includes bona fide hunting, social, and sporting organizations.