

by auction, voting or by such mechanical devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels, wheels of fortune, bingo, or other similar methods, with or without an entrance or participation fee or charge; provided, further, that such benefit performance is managed and operated by members of such group or organization personally, providing penalties for violation thereof, and providing for a referendum vote thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Montgomery County," sub-title "Licenses," said new section to be known as Section 565B, to follow immediately after Section 565A of said Article, and to read as follows:

565B. Any group of citizens of Montgomery County, or any company, association or body corporate, bona fide organized or hereafter bona fide organized within said county for the promotion of the purposes of a volunteer fire department, or of any charitable, benevolent, patriotic, fraternal, educational, religious or civic object or objects, and not organized for the private profit or gain of any member of such group, company, association or body corporate, may conduct and operate any benefit performance, such as an outdoor or indoor carnival, fair, picnic, dance, card party, bazaar, concert, contest, exhibition, lecture, barbecue or dinner, to which the public is invited or admitted, with or without charge for such admission, the net proceeds of which benefit performance shall inure to such group, company, association or body corporate for the promotion of and to be used for one or more of the objects hereinbefore set forth, and not for the private gain of any member of such group or organization; and at any such benefit performance, conducted under the conditions herein prescribed, it shall be lawful to award prizes in merchandise, conduct games of skill, to dispose of merchandise and other things of value by auction or voting or by such mechanical devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels, wheels of fortune, bingo, or other similar methods, and with or without an entrance or participation charge or fee; nothing herein contained, however, to be construed as to permit or authorize the awarding of prizes in money, or to reward the winner or winners or other participants in any such game or auction in money or tokens redeemable