

diately after Section 701 of said Article, providing that any group of citizens of Prince George's County bona fide organized or incorporated, or hereafter bona fide organized or incorporated, for the promotion of the purposes of any volunteer fire department or of any charitable, benevolent, patriotic, educational, fraternal, religious or civic object or objects, may conduct any benefit performance in said county, the net proceeds of which are to be used for the promotion of the objects of such group or organization, upon obtaining a permit therefor from the County Commissioners of Prince George's County; and further providing that at such benefit performances it shall be lawful to award prizes in merchandise, conduct games of skill, dispose of merchandise and other things of value 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.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Licenses", said new section to be known as Section 701A, to follow immediately after Section 701 of said Article, and to read as follows:

701A. Any group of citizens of Prince George's 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, bingo 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 mer-