

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 17, 1939.

CHAPTER 716.

(House Bill 119)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", said new section to be known as Section 257A and to follow immediately after Section 257 of said Article, making it lawful to operate the game of bingo in Baltimore City under certain conditions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", said new section to be known as Section 257A, to follow immediately after Section 257 of said Article, and to read as follows:

257A. Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to make it unlawful for any person, organization or corporation to operate or conduct the game of bingo where prizes of merchandise only are given and where no prize of a greater value than ten dollars (\$10.00) is offered or given in any one game and where the entire net proceeds are devoted to charitable purposes exclusively. Before the game of Bingo may be played in Baltimore City, it shall be necessary to obtain a permit for same after application shall have been made to the Police Commissioner of said City, and when the said Police Commissioner issues said permit, he shall receive a fee of fifty cents (50c) to cover the cost of the issuance of said permit; provided, however, that no such permits shall be issued for the playing of the game of Bingo in any regular restaurant or tavern where alcoholic beverages are sold or in any permanent place of amusement or entertainment. Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to permit the playing of said games on Sunday; and provided further that the provisions of this Section shall apply only to Baltimore City.