

Punishments," sub-title "Gaming," said new section to be known as Section 302½ and to follow immediately after Section 302 of said Article, making it lawful to hold or conduct carnivals, bazaars or raffles by certain organizations or corporations for the benefit of volunteer fire companies, or of certain fraternal, civic, war veterans, religious or charitable organizations or corporations in Howard County and providing for a referendum thereon.

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 (1947 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Gaming," said new section to be known as Section 302½, to follow immediately after Section 302 of said Article, and to read as follows:

302½. Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to make it unlawful for any volunteer fire company or bona fide fraternal, civic, war veterans', religious or charitable organization or corporation in Howard County 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, provided that no individual or group of individuals shall benefit financially from the holding of any such bazaar, carnival or raffle or shall receive or be paid any of the proceeds from any such carnival, bazaar or raffle for personal use or benefit. At such carnival, bazaar or raffle, it shall be lawful to award prizes by such devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels, wheels of fortune, chance books or bingo, provided, however, that before any such carnival, bazaar or raffle shall be operated, such group, organization or corporation shall first obtain from the County Commissioners of Howard County a permit, which permit shall provide that such carnival, bazaar or raffle shall be managed and operated only by members of such group, organization or corporation personally.

Any person, association or corporation knowingly operating or attempting to operate a carnival, bazaar or raffle as authorized by this section in violation thereof, shall upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or imprisonment for not more than one year or both to such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That before the provisions of this Act shall become effective, the Board of Super-