

CHAPTER 679

(Senate Bill 298)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Gaming," said new section to be known as Section 302C and to follow immediately after Section 302B 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 Caroline 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 (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title Crimes and Punishments" sub-title "Gaming," said new section to be known as Section 302C, to follow immediately after Section 302B of said Article, and to read as follows:

302C. 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 Caroline 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 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, provided however, that such carnivals, bazaars or raffles shall be managed by the members of such group, organization or corporation personally through its members.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall remain effective until the date of the next General Election, but no longer, unless it shall receive a majority of the votes cast thereon at said Election, to be held in November, 1950. The ballots for said General Election in