

title "Gaming", to be known as Section 319-A, to follow immediately after Section 319 thereof, to legalize the operation of the game of Bingo in Baltimore County and to provide for the licensing, regulation, supervision and control thereof, and specifying penalties for violations of this Act.

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 (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", to follow immediately after Section 319, to be known as 319-A, and to read as follows:

319-A. (a) *Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to make it unlawful for any bona fide fraternal, religious, patriotic, educational or charitable organizations or corporations or volunteer fire companies of Baltimore County to conduct or operate a game of Bingo for the benefit of charity in Baltimore County, OR FOR THE MARYLAND STATE FAIR AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY TO OPERATE A GAME OF BINGO AT TIMONIUM, or in furtherance of the purposes of such organizations, corporations or volunteer fire companies, provided such operation is conducted under a license granted under the provisions of this section and is conducted in all respects in accordance with the provisions of this section.*

(b) *Any such organization desiring to conduct a game of Bingo in Baltimore County shall first secure a license for the conduct thereof from the Chief of Police of Baltimore County. Application therefor shall be made on forms to be provided by him which shall give the following information with respect to such organization:*

(1) *The name of said organization and a full list of the names and addresses of its officers and directors.*

(2) *A full and complete statement of the purposes and objects of said organization and the purposes for which the proceeds from such operation will be used.*

(3) *A statement under affidavit by the President and Treasurer of such organization, or by its Chief Executive and Fiscal Officers, that no agreement exists for the division of any portion of the proceeds of such operation with any other person, partnership or corporation; and a further statement under affidavit that no person, partnership, organization or corporation other than such organization or a bona fide member thereof will receive any portion of the proceeds of such operation, except in furtherance of the purposes of such organization.*

(4) *Such further information as the Chief of Police of Baltimore County may require.*

(c) *It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police of Baltimore County to ascertain the character of the organization applying for a license hereunder and to determine if such applicant comes within the provisions of this section. The application and the action taken thereon by the Chief of Police shall be matters of public record.*

(d) *Nothing herein shall be construed to permit the playing of Bingo on Sunday in Baltimore County.*