

not more than two years, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 654

(House Bill 400)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 319 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", to eliminate Baltimore County from the provisions of said Section legalizing certain operations of bingo and to eliminate therefrom provisions with respect to the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society of Baltimore County and the White Hall Farmers Club and Improvement Association.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 319 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

319. 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, to conduct or operate a game of Bingo for the benefit of charity in **[Baltimore or]** Howard **[Counties]** *County*, or in furtherance of the purpose of such organization, corporation or volunteer fire department.

It shall be unlawful, however, for any individual, co-partnership, corporation or group or organization, not legal residents of **[Baltimore County or]** Howard County to operate any game of Bingo in **[their respective counties]** *said County* for the benefit of any such local organization, corporation or volunteer fire department. **[**, except that the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society of Baltimore County and the White Hall Farmers Club and Improvement Association may sell or lease the right or concession to any person, co-partnership, firm, group, corporation or organization, regardless of the residence of such purchaser or lessee, to conduct or operate the game of Bingo at the yearly Fairs held by them at Timonium and White Hall in Baltimore County.**]**

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 25, 1955.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.