

his duties, both of whom shall hold office during the pleasure of the Commissioners and shall receive such salary as may be provided for in the Budget. The present personnel employed in the operation of the State Accident Fund, [other than] *including* the Superintendent, shall be transferred to the agency hereby created and retain their rights and status under Article 64A of the Code, entitled "Merit System", and future appointments of such employees as are provided for in the Budget, [except] *including* the Superintendent, shall be made by said Commissioners in accordance with said Article 64A.

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

Approved April 18, 1955.

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## CHAPTER 426

(Senate Bill 86)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", said new section to be known as Section 320A and to follow immediately after Section 320 of said Article, making it lawful for the Sheriff of Harford County to issue licenses to volunteer fire companies, veterans' organizations, bona fide religious groups, and certain other non-profit organizations to conduct games of bingo, raffles, or carnivals awarding prizes by the use of paddle wheels, and setting forth the terms and conditions surrounding the issuance of such licenses.

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", said new section to be known as Section 320A, to follow immediately after Section 320 of said Article, and to read as follows:

*320A. Notwithstanding the provisions of this sub-title, the Sheriff of Harford County shall be authorized to issue a license to the following organizations to conduct games of bingo, a raffle, or a carnival awarding prizes by the use of paddle wheels, to wit:*

- (a) A tax supported volunteer fire company.*
- (b) A nationally chartered veterans' organization.*
- (c) A bona fide religious group which has conducted religious services at a fixed location in Harford County for a period of at least three years prior to the application to the Sheriff.*
- (d) A non-profit organization desiring to raise money for an exclusively charitable, athletic or educational purpose specifically described in the application to the Sheriff.*

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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.