

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE, SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF ALL THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved April 15, 1957.

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CHAPTER 768

(House Bill 293)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 320A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Gaming," amending the law permitting carnivals, raffles and bingo by certain organizations in Harford County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 320A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Gaming," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

320A. Carnivals, raffles and bingo in Harford County.

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 *or auxiliary unit of which the members thereof are directly associated with such fire company.*

(b) A nationally chartered veterans' organization *or auxiliary unit of which the members thereof are directly associated with such 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 nonprofit 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.