

1965 Supplement), to follow immediately after Section 261A thereof, providing for conducting certain games of bingo or raffles in Allegany County and relating to the organizations which may conduct such games, providing for the procedure for these games and consolidating in one place certain laws of Allegany County having to do with such games.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 247 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", subtitle "Gaming", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that new Section 261B be and it is hereby added to said article and subtitle (1957 Edition and 1965 Supplement), to follow immediately after Section 261A thereof, all to read as follows:

247.

Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to make it unlawful for any bona fide fraternal, religious, or charitable organizations or corporations, or volunteer fire company operating in communities which have no paid fire department, to conduct or operate a game of bingo for the benefit of charity in [Allegany,] Anne Arundel, Queen Anne's or Kent counties, or in furtherance of the purposes of such organizations, corporations or volunteer fire department, and in Kent County, any bona fide war veterans' organization shall also be included in the provisions of this section.

261B.

(a) Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to make it unlawful for the following organizations to conduct in Allegany County games of bingo or raffles:

(1) A tax supported volunteer fire company or auxiliary unit of which the members thereof are directly associated with the fire company.

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

(3) A bona fide religious group which has conducted religious services at a fixed location in Allegany County for a period of at least three (3) years prior to the application for a license.

(4) A nonprofit organization desiring to raise money for an exclusively charitable, athletic or educational purpose specifically described in the application.

(b) Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize slot machines, PUNCH BOARDS, TIP BOARDS, or any type of coin machines to be used for gambling purposes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved April 14, 1966.
