

making it lawful to hold or conduct carnivals, bazaars, raffles or other game of entertainment by certain organizations of Frederick County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 258A be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Gaming," to follow immediately after Section 258 thereof, and to read as follows:*

258A.

Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to make it unlawful for any bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital, amateur athletic or charitable organization or volunteer fire company of Frederick County to conduct or hold a carnival, bazaar, raffle, or other game of entertainment for the benefit of any such religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital, amateur athletic or charitable organization or volunteer fire company, or corporation, provided that no individual or group of individuals shall benefit financially from the holding of any such bazaar, carnival, raffle, or game or shall receive or be paid any of the proceeds from any such carnival, bazaar, raffle or game for personal use or benefit. At such carnival, bazaar or game, it shall be lawful to award prizes to any individual in merchandise up to \$5.00 in any one game. At such carnival, bazaar, raffle or game, it shall be lawful to award prizes to any individual in merchandise in a raffle by means of chance books, but there shall be only one major prize in any such raffle and no organization shall have more than one such raffle or receive the proceeds from more than one such raffle in any one year in which the major prize is valued at \$500.00 or more and no organization shall have more than five raffles or receive the proceeds from more than five raffles in one year in which the major prize is valued at less than \$500.00. Before any such carnival, bazaar, raffle or game be operated such group shall first obtain a permit from the Sheriff of Frederick County, which permit shall provide that such carnival, bazaar, raffle or game shall be managed and operated only by members of such group and such permit shall not be transferable.

Before the Sheriff of Frederick County shall issue a permit to any such organizations, it shall be his duty to ascertain the character of the organization on whose behalf the application is made to determine if such application comes within the provisions of this section. The application and the action taken thereon by the Sheriff of Frederick County shall be a public record. Such permit shall not authorize the operation of any such carnival, bazaar, raffle or game on the Sabbath Day, commonly called Sunday.

Any person, association or corporation knowingly operating or attempting to operate a carnival, bazaar, raffle, or game as authorized by this section in violation thereof, shall upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved March 24, 1967.