

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 257(a) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Gaming," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

257.

(a) Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to make it unlawful for any bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital, amateur athletic organization in which all playing members are less than eighteen years of age, or charitable organization or corporation in Baltimore City or Baltimore County to conduct or hold a carnival, bazaar or raffle for the benefit of any such religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital, amateur athletic or charitable organization or corporation, provided that no individual or group of individuals shall benefit financially from the holding of any such bazaar, carnival or raffle or shall receive or be paid any of the proceeds from any such carnival, bazaar or raffle for personal use or benefit. At such carnival, bazaar or raffle, it shall be lawful to award prizes to any individual in merchandise up to \$15.00 *in Baltimore City and in merchandise and cash in any amount in Baltimore County* in any one game or spin by such devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels or wheels of fortune. **[It]** *In Baltimore City it shall be lawful to award prizes in merchandise aggregating not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in value in one raffle and in Baltimore County it shall be lawful to award prizes in merchandise and cash up to any amount, but no one organization shall conduct more than two (2) raffles in any one calendar year. As used herein, the word "raffle" shall mean one or more drawings from a single series of chances sold by means of chance books. Before any such carnival, bazaar or raffle shall be operated, such group, organization or corporation shall first obtain from the police commissioner of Baltimore City, or the chief of police of Baltimore County, as the case may be, a permit, which permit shall provide that such carnival, bazaar or raffle shall be managed and operated only by members of such group, organization or corporation personally and such permit shall not be transferable. Only those bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital, amateur athletic or charitable organizations or corporations shall be eligible for a permit which spend the greater part of their funds for fraternal, civic, veterans', hospital, amateur athletic or charitable purposes in Baltimore City, if the raffle, carnival, or bazaar is to be held there, or in Baltimore County, if to be held there.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved May 7, 1968.

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CHAPTER 747

(House Bill 1008)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 38-2(b) and 38-3(b) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's