

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 258 of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

258.

(A) Nothing in this subtitle [shall] MAY 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 Carroll County to conduct or hold a carnival, bazaar, raffle, or game of bingo 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] THE carnival, bazaar or game, it [shall be] IS lawful to award prizes to any individual in merchandise up to \$5.00 in any one game. At [such] THE carnival, bazaar, raffle or game, it [shall be] IS 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 participate in more than one [such] raffle in any one year in which the major prize is valued at [\$500.00] \$500 or more and no organization shall have more than five raffles or participate in more than five raffles in one year in which the major prize is valued at less than [\$500.00] \$500. Before any [such] carnival, bazaar, raffle or game be operated such group shall first obtain a permit from the County Commissioners of Carroll County, which permit shall provide that [such] THE carnival, bazaar, raffle or game shall be managed and operated only by members of [such] group and [such] THE permit [shall] MAY not be transferable.

(B) Before the County Commissioners of Carroll County shall issue a permit to any [such] organizations, it [shall be] IS their duty to ascertain the character of the organization on whose behalf the application is made