

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 257(a) 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and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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

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 and cash in any amount in Baltimore County AND BALTIMORE CITY in any one game or spin by such devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels or wheels of fortune. [In Baltimore City it shall be lawful to award prizes in cash totaling up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and in merchandise in any amount.] In Baltimore County AND BALTIMORE CITY it shall be lawful to award prizes in merchandise and cash up to any amount, [[and in Baltimore City it shall be lawful to award prizes in cash totaling up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and in merchandise in any amount,]] but no one organization IN BALTIMORE COUNTY shall conduct more than two (2) raffles in any one calendar year[.] AND NO ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY MAY CONDUCT [[AS MANY]] MORE THAN 12 RAFFLES [[AS THEY WISH,]] IN ANY 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