CHAPTER 46

(Senate Bill 700)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County - Carnivals, Bazaars, or Raffles

FOR the purpose of providing that in Washington County certain organizations conducting or holding a carnival, bazaar, or raffle shall be exempt from the provisions generally relating to "Gaming"; limiting the use of those proceeds; providing that the carnival, bazaar, or raffle shall be managed by the organizations members personally; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 255 Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 255 of Article 27 — Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re—enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

255.

[Nothing in this] THIS subtitle [shall] MAY NOT be construed to make it unlawful for any volunteer fire company or bona fide fraternal, civic, war veterans, religious or charitable organization or corporation in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's, Queen Anne's. Mary's, Somerset, [and] Talbot AND WASHINGTON counties to conduct or hold a carnival, bazaar, or raffle for the exclusive benefit of any such volunteer fire company or fraternal, civic, war veterans, religious or charitable organization or corporation, [provided that] IF no individual or group of individuals [shall benefit] BENEFITS financially from the holding of any [such] bazaar, carnival, or raffle or [shall receive] RECEIVES or be paid any of the proceeds from any [such] carnival, bazaar, or raffle, for personal use or benefit. It shall