

(Senate Bill 1113)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Carnivals, Bazaars, and Raffles

FOR the purpose of regulating certain carnivals, bazaars,
and raffles in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 255
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 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and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

255.

(A) This subtitle 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, Frederick, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, 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, if no individual or group of individuals benefits financially from the holding of any bazaar, carnival, or raffle or receives or be paid any of the proceeds from any carnival, bazaar, or raffle, for personal use or benefit. It shall be lawful for such organization or corporation to award prizes in cash or in merchandise by such devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels, wheels of fortune, chance books, bingo, or any other gaming device, provided however that any carnivals, bazaars, or raffles shall be managed by the members of such group, organization or corporation personally through its members.

(B) IN CHARLES COUNTY A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, OR BONA FIDE FRATERNAL, CIVIC, WAR VETERANS', RELIGIOUS OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION MAY NOT CONDUCT OR HOLD ANY CARNIVAL, BAZAAR, OR RAFFLE UNLESS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY GRANT A PERMIT WHICH