

CHAPTER 549

(House Bill 1391)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County

FOR the purpose of increasing prizes for certain games; clarifying language and structure; and generally relating to prizes and games in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 254
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 254 of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

254.

(A) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subtitle, the Sheriff of Harford County [shall be authorized to] MAY issue a license to the following organizations to conduct games of bingo, a raffle, or a carnival awarding prizes by the use of paddle wheels [to wit]:

[(a)] (1) A tax-supported volunteer fire company or auxiliary unit [of which the] WHOSE members [thereof] are directly associated with [such] THAT fire company.

[(b)] (2) A nationally chartered veterans' organization or auxiliary unit [of which the] WHOSE members [thereof] are directly associated with [such] THAT organization.

[(c)] (3) A bona fide religious group which has conducted religious services at a fixed location in Harford County for a period of at least three years prior to the application to the Sheriff.

[(d)] (4) A nonprofit organization desiring to raise money for an exclusively charitable, athletic or educational purpose specifically described in the application to the Sheriff.

[(e)] (5) THE Harford County Fair Association,