

of prizes by certain retail merchants.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 369A(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

369A.

(b) (1) A retail establishment regulated or licensed pursuant to the provisions contained in Article 56 may not use any game, contests, lottery or other scheme or device, whereby a person or persons may receive gifts, prizes or gratuities as determined by chance for the purpose of promoting, furthering or advertising the sale of any product or service of whatsoever nature or kind. The fact that no purchase is required in order to participate in the game, contest, lottery or scheme does not exclude the game, contest, lottery or scheme from the provisions of this section.

(2) This section may not be construed as preventing any nonfranchise retail merchant [in the following counties] EXCEPT IN HOWARD COUNTY from giving away any prize or prizes by the act of drawing of a name or names if no purchase or consideration is required to qualify for the prize or prizes[:].

[Anne Arundel County

Baltimore County

Calvert County

Caroline County

Carroll County

Charles County

Dorchester County

Frederick County

Harford County

Kent County

Queen Anne's County