

~~raffles; permitting a certain cash prize to be awarded on a paddle wheel; removing the limitations on the number of certain cash prizes that may be awarded per year by a licensed organization; repealing the maximum number of days for which an organization may be licensed to conduct bingo games; and generally relating to gaming in Harford County.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 254  
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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

254.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subtitle, the Sheriff of Harford County 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:

(1) A tax-supported volunteer fire company or auxiliary unit whose members are directly associated with that fire company.

(2) A nationally chartered veterans' organization or auxiliary unit whose members are directly associated with that organization.

(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.

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

(5) The Harford County Fair Association, Inc., for the promotion of agriculture and during its agricultural fair.

(b) The application to the Sheriff for the issuance of this license shall contain a certification by one of the principal officers of the organization stating the following:

(1) The time and place of the activities for which the license is sought.