

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

255B.

(A) ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSES.

A ECNA FIDE NONPROFIT FRATERNAL, RELIGIOUS, PATRIOTIC, EDUCATIONAL OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CHARITABLE CORPORATION OR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR VOLUNTARY RESCUE SQUAD LOCATED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY THAT IS QUALIFIED UNDER SECTION 501 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, ~~EXCLUDING THOSE THAT HOLD A SPECIAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE,~~ MAY OPERATE A GAME OF BINGO IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHARITY OR IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION OR COMPANY. THE INDIVIDUAL OPERATING THE GAME MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY. ALL SUCH GAMES SHALL BE CONDUCTED ONLY BY THE ORGANIZATION, CORPORATION, OR COMPANY, AND NOT BY ANY OTHER PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER LEGAL OR BUSINESS ENTITY WHICH OPERATES THE GAME AND RETAINS ANY PORTION OF THE SALES OR PROFITS FROM SUCH BINGO GAMES OR IS PAID ANY FEE OR COMPENSATION BY THE ORGANIZATION, CORPORATION, OR COMPANY FOR WHICH THE BINGO GAME IS BEING HELD.

(B) LICENSE REQUIRED.

AN ORGANIZATION DESIRING TO CONDUCT A GAME OF BINGO IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHALL FIRST SECURE A BINGO LICENSE FROM THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. APPLICATION SHALL BE MADE ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL DISCLOSE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE ORGANIZATION:

(1) THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION AND A LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ITS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS;

(2) A FULL AND COMPLETE STATEMENT OF THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS FROM A BINGO OPERATION WILL BE USED;

(3) A STATEMENT UNDER AFFIDAVIT BY THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER OF THE ORGANIZATION OR BY ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND FISCAL OFFICER THAT (I) NO AGREEMENT EXISTS FOR THE DIVERSION OF ANY PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF A BINGO OPERATION TO ANY OTHER PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, OR CORPORATION, AND (II) NO PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, ORGANIZATION, OR CORPORATION SHALL RECEIVE ANY PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BINGO OPERATION EXCEPT IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION;

(4) ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MAY REQUIRE.

(C) ANNUAL BINGO LICENSE.