

CHAPTER 721

(House Bill 670)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Gaming

FOR the purpose of permitting in Howard County certain nonprofit organizations to profit from carnival games to the extent that the profit is applied to the acquisition of professional services in connection with the operation of the carnival.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 250A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

250A.

(A) Nothing in this subtitle shall 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 Howard County 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, provided that no individual or group of individuals shall:

(1) [benefit] BENEFIT financially from the holding of any such bazaar, carnival or raffle; or

(2) [shall receive] RECEIVE or be paid any of the proceeds from any such carnival, bazaar or raffle for personal use or benefit[.];

(3) HOWEVER, A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR BONA FIDE FRATERNAL, CIVIC, WAR VETERANS, RELIGIOUS, OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, OR CORPORATION MAY CONTRACT BY FEE OR PERCENTAGE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THE OPERATION OF ANY CARNIVAL, RAFFLE, OR BAZAAR.