

amusement park shall for three years next preceding the filing of his application for a permit have been a resident and a registered voter of Charles County, and provided further, that any such concessionaire must first obtain a permit therefor from the Sheriff of Charles County upon a form prescribed for that purpose by said Sheriff and upon payment of the prescribed annual license fee of \$300.00. No such bingo game shall award a merchandise prize in excess of \$25 to any player of a bingo game, except that the award of a "jackpot" in an amount not to exceed \$500 in merchandise is allowed when directly connected with the playing of bingo games.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 12, 1981.

CHAPTER 282

(Senate Bill 410)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Gambling

FOR the purpose of clarifying provisions relating to the operation of carnivals, bazaars, raffles, or card parties in Charles County; and prohibiting in Charles County persons under a certain age from participating in such activities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 255
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

255.

(a) This subtitle may not 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 Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick,