

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations and corporation in St. Mary's County to operate certain gaming devices subject to certain restrictions; providing that those organizations and corporations which operate gaming devices shall keep accurate books and records and shall make them available to certain persons; and providing that the operation of the gaming devices shall be personally managed by members of the organization or corporation.

BY adding to

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

(C) IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR BONA FIDE FRATERNAL, CIVIC, WAR VETERANS', RELIGIOUS, OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION MAY CONDUCT OR HOLD A CARNIVAL, BAZAAR, OR RAFFLE AND MAY OPERATE GAMING DEVICES WHICH ARE COMMONLY DESIGNATED AS PADDLE WHEELS, WHEELS OF FORTUNE, CHANCE BOOKS, BINGO, NEVADA CARDS, STAMP MACHINES, OR ANY OTHER GAMING DEVICE, EXCLUDING SLOT MACHINES AS DEFINED IN § 264B OF THIS ARTICLE, IF NO INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS BENEFITS FINANCIALLY FROM THE OPERATION OF THE GAMING DEVICES, OR RECEIVES OR IS PAID ANY OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE OPERATION OF THE GAMING DEVICES FOR PERSONAL USE OR BENEFIT. IF USED ON A DAILY BASIS, THE NUMBER OF GAMING DEVICES OPERATED BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR BONA FIDE FRATERNAL, CIVIC, WAR VETERANS', RELIGIOUS, OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION IS LIMITED TO FIVE, AND THE PREMISES IN WHICH THE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION OPERATES THE GAMING DEVICES MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE THAN FIVE GAMING DEVICES. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE OPERATION OF PADDLE WHEELS, WHEELS OF FORTUNE, CHANCE BOOKS, BINGO, NEVADA CARDS, STAMP MACHINES OR ANY OTHER GAMING DEVICE SHALL BE USED SOLELY FOR THE LEGITIMATE CHARITABLE, BENEVOLENT, OR EXEMPT PURPOSES OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR BONA FIDE FRATERNAL, CIVIC, WAR VETERANS', RELIGIOUS, OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION AND MAY NOT BE USED TO PERSONALLY BENEFIT ANY MEMBER OR MEMBERS. ACCURATE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF PROCEEDS AND EXPENDITURES INVOLVING GAMING DEVICES SHALL BE KEPT BY THE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION AND, UPON REQUEST, SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, TO ANY MARYLAND STATE POLICE OFFICER, AND TO THE SHERIFF OR DEPUTY SHERIFF OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY. THE OPERATION OF GAMING