

(House Bill 1885)

AN ACT concerning

Raffles of Real Property

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law may not be construed to make it unlawful for any bona fide charitable organization ~~or--corporation~~ in this State to conduct a raffle if the prize is real property under certain circumstances; providing that the Secretary of State may adopt certain regulations governing raffles of real property; and generally relating to raffles of real property.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 236 to be under the subheading "Gaming"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

236.

(A) THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION ~~OR CORPORATION~~ IN THIS STATE TO CONDUCT A RAFFLE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, ~~OR CORPORATION~~ WHERE THE PRIZE AWARDED IS REAL PROPERTY TO WHICH THE ORGANIZATION HOLDS TITLE, OR AS TO WHICH THE ORGANIZATION HAS THE ABILITY TO CONVEY TITLE. ~~AN ORGANIZATION----~~~~OR----~~~~CORPORATION~~ SUCH--ORGANIZATIONS AN ORGANIZATION MAY NOT CONDUCT MORE THAN 2 RAFFLES OF REAL PROPERTY IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR.

(B) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING RAFFLES OF REAL PROPERTY BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved June 1, 1982.
