

CHAPTER 267

(House Bill 1193)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County - Gaming Licenses

FOR the purpose of requiring that a license be obtained before certain organizations may conduct instant winner games in Harford County, restricting the amount of the cash prize which may be awarded for these games, setting out the requirements for obtaining the necessary license, restricting the number and duration of licenses to be issued, providing for penalties for the operation of instant winner games without a license, and generally relating to the licensing of instant winner games in Harford County altering the license fee for paddle wheel licenses in Harford County; and altering the number of those licenses a single organization may obtain; and providing for instant winner games in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 254(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

254.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subtitle, the Sheriff of Harford County may issue a license to the following organizations to conduct games of bingo, a raffle, or operate paddle wheels ~~OR INSTANT WINNER GAMES:~~

(1) A tax-supported volunteer fire company.

(2) A State-chartered organization authorized by a nationally chartered veterans organization.

(3) A bona fide religious group which has conducted religious services at a fixed location in Harford County for a period of at least three years prior to the application to the Sheriff.

(4) A nonprofit organization desiring to raise money for an exclusively charitable, athletic or educational purpose specifically described in the application to the Sheriff.