

UPON CONVICTION OF SUCH VIOLATION BE SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR, OR BOTH.

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(a) (1) Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to make it unlawful for any bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, veterans' hospital, amateur athletic organization in which all playing members are less than eighteen years of age, or charitable organization or corporation in Baltimore City [or Baltimore County] to conduct or hold a carnival, bazaar or raffle for the benefit of any such religious, fraternal, civic, veterans' hospital, amateur athletic or charitable organization or corporation, provided that no individual or group of individuals shall benefit financially from the holding of any such bazaar, carnival or raffle or shall receive or be paid any of the proceeds from any such carnival, bazaar or raffle, for personal use or benefit.

(2) At such carnival, bazaar or raffle, it shall be lawful to award prizes to any individual in merchandise and cash in any amount in [Baltimore County and] Baltimore City in any one game or spin by such devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels or wheels of fortune.

(3) In [Baltimore County and] Baltimore City it shall be lawful to award prizes in merchandise and cash up to any amount, but [no one organization in Baltimore County shall conduct more than two (2) raffles in any one calendar year and] no organizations in Baltimore City may conduct more than 12 raffles in any calendar year.

(4) As used herein, the word "raffle" shall mean one or more drawings from a single series of chances sold by means of chance books.

(5) Before any such carnival, bazaar or raffle shall be operated, such group, organization or corporation shall first obtain from the police commissioner of Baltimore City[, or the chief of police of Baltimore County, as the case may be,] a permit, which permit shall provide that such carnival, bazaar or raffle shall be managed and operated only by members of such group, organization or corporation personally and such permit shall not be transferable.

(6) Only those bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, veterans' hospital, amateur athletic or charitable organizations or corporations shall be eligible for a permit which spend the greater part of their funds for fraternal, civic, veterans' hospital, amateur athletic, or charitable purposes in Baltimore City, if the raffle, carnival, or bazaar is to be held there[, or in Baltimore County, if to be held there].