

Section 254
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 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:

(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.

(b) The application to the Sheriff for the issuance of this license shall contain a certification by one of the principal officers of the organization stating the following:

(1) The time and place of the activities for which the license is sought.

(2) That the activities for which the license is sought will be solely and personally conducted, managed, and operated by the regular members of the organization without the assistance of professionals.

(3) (I) That no cash prizes greater than \$10 for a paddle wheel, \$1,000 for a raffle and \$50 for a bingo game are to be offered, except a "jackpot" in the maximum amount of \$1,000 directly connected with bingo games; OR

(II) THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS NOT HELD A RAFFLE FOR A CASH PRIZE OF OVER \$1,000 IN THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR, AND THAT NO CASH PRIZES GREATER THAN \$10,000 ARE TO BE OFFERED FOR THIS RAFFLE.

(4) That the applicant, by one of its principal officers, will, within 15 days after the last day named in the