

SECTION ~~3-~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 8, 1984.

CHAPTER 260

(House Bill 1435)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Bingo Games

~~FOR the purpose of repealing the \$50 cash prize award limit for bingo games in Charles County, and repealing the prohibition against operating bingo games more than 2 days a week at 1 location or facility in Charles County.~~

FOR the purpose of altering the prohibition against operating bingo games in Charles County more than a certain number of days in a certain period at certain facilities or locations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 253A
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

253A.

(a) †(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, nothing† NOTHING in this subtitle shall be construed to make it unlawful for any bona fide fraternal, religious, patriotic, educational, or charitable organization or charitable corporation, or volunteer fire company, or any carnival acting under the auspices of any such organization, corporation or company, to conduct or operate a game of bingo or a raffle for the benefit of charity in Charles County, or in furtherance of the purposes of such organization, corporation or volunteer fire company. †No such bingo game shall award a cash prize in excess of \$50 to any player of a bingo game, except that the award of a "jackpot" in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 is allowed when directly connected with the playing of bingo games.†