

A person, group, organization or corporation knowingly conducting or attempting to conduct a raffle in violation of this section shall be subject, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.]

251B.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "MULTIPLE GAMING DEVICE PERMIT" MEANS A PERMIT ALLOWING 2 OR MORE OF THE DEVICES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY MAY ISSUE A PERMIT TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS TO CONDUCT A FUND-RAISING AFFAIR AT WHICH MERCHANDISE OR CASH PRIZES MAY BE AWARDED BY DEVICES COMMONLY KNOWN AS PADDLE WHEELS, WHEELS OF FORTUNE, CHANCE BOOKS, OR BY ANY OTHER GAMING DEVICE:

(I) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALLY SUPPORTED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR AUXILIARY UNIT WHOSE MEMBERS ARE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRE COMPANY OR AUXILIARY UNIT;

(II) A NATIONALLY CHARTERED VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR AUXILIARY UNIT WHOSE MEMBERS ARE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORGANIZATION;

(III) A BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS CONDUCTED RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT THE SAME LOCATION IN WORCESTER COUNTY FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS BEFORE APPLYING FOR A PERMIT;

(IV) A BONA FIDE NONPROFIT FRATERNAL, EDUCATIONAL, CIVIC, PATRIOTIC, OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION DESIRING TO CONDUCT A FUND-RAISER FOR THE BENEFIT OF A CHARITY LOCATED IN WORCESTER COUNTY; OR

(V) A BONA FIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DESIRING TO RAISE MONEY FOR AN EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE, ATHLETIC, OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THE PERMIT APPLICATION, THAT HAS OPERATED ON A NONPROFIT BASIS IN WORCESTER COUNTY FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS BEFORE APPLYING FOR A PERMIT.

(3) AN ORGANIZATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ORGANIZED IN AND SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF WORCESTER COUNTY TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR WORCESTER COUNTY SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER AN ORGANIZATION QUALIFIES FOR A PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. AN ORGANIZATION DESIGNATED AS A CHARITY BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OR THE MARYLAND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE IS A BONA FIDE CHARITY, UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY MAY: