all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, it shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 29, 1986.

CHAPTER 155

(Senate Bill 623)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County - Gaming Activities --- Civic-Organizations

FOR the purpose of defining "bona fide civic organization" to include certain organizations to clarify that certain organizations in Baltimore County may operate certain gaming activities under certain circumstances; repealing the requirement that the chief of police of Baltimore County issue a carnival, bazaar, or raffle permit to certain organizations for use in that county; repealing certain provisions of law concerning the issuance and retention of certain permits; altering the requirement that certain organizations spend certain funds for certain purposes in Baltimore County; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 255(f) Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Replacement Volume and 1985 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

255.

- (F) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION "BONA FIDE CIVIC ORGANIZATION" INCLUDES BONA FIDE HUNTING, SOCIAL, AND SPORTING ORGANIZATIONS.
- [(1)] (2) In Baltimore County, the provisions of subsection (b) of this section also apply to any bona fide:
- (i) Amateur athletic organization in which all playing members are less than 18 years of age;
 - (ii) Veterans' hospital; or
 - (iii) Veterans' organization.