

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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(G) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO HOWARD COUNTY.

(2) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO BINGO WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY § 250 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) IN THIS SUBSECTION "BONA FIDE ORGANIZATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN OPERATING IN HOWARD COUNTY FOR LESS THAN 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO HOLD AN EVENT UNDER THIS SECTION.

(4) A BONA FIDE ORGANIZATION MAY CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ASSIST IN THE OPERATION OF AN EVENT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A FEE OR PERCENTAGE, IF:

(i) THE FEE CHARGED FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DOES NOT EXCEED 25 PERCENT OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF THE EVENT; AND

(ii) THE MEMBERS OF THE BONA FIDE ORGANIZATION SUPERVISE THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR.

(5) (i) A BONA FIDE ORGANIZATION SHALL CERTIFY, UNDER OATH AND PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT AT LEAST 75 PERCENT OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF THE EVENT SHALL BE SPENT IN HOWARD COUNTY.

(ii) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER A BONA FIDE ORGANIZATION HAS HELD AN EVENT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE ORGANIZATION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND LICENSES AN ACCOUNTING OF ALL FUNDS RECEIVED OR PLEDGED AS A RESULT OF THE EVENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO GROSS RECEIPTS, EXPENSES PAID OR INCURRED, AND THE NET AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE ORGANIZATION.

(6) (i) ANY ORGANIZATION THAT HOLDS AN EVENT PERMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL FIRST OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND LICENSES.

(ii) THE PERMIT APPLICATION SHALL BE MADE ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND LICENSES AND SHALL CONTAIN AN AFFIDAVIT THAT NO MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION WILL RECEIVE ANY FEE OR COMPENSATION FOR MANAGING, SUPERVISING, OR OPERATING AN EVENT PERMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION.