

CHAPTER 463

(House Bill 795)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County - Gaming Permits

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Worcester County to set the fee for certain gaming permits; defining certain terms; making technical and stylistic corrections; clarifying the manner in which certain organizations, institutions, associations, societies, and corporations qualify as a charity for certain purposes; providing that a raffle is not a multiple gaming device; deleting certain unnecessary language concerning multiple gaming device permits at fund-raisers; limiting the length of an event held under a multiple gaming device permit; limiting the number of gaming events that may be held in one facility in a certain time period; authorizing permits for raffles and limiting the time a raffle may last; authorizing the County Commissioners to regulate the number of raffle permits; and generally relating to gaming permits in Worcester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 251B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

251B.

(a) (1) (I) In this section, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED. the term-"multiple

(II) "MULTIPLE gaming device permit" means a permit allowing 2 or more of the devices specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(III) "RAFFLE" MEANS A LOTTERY USING PAPER CHANCES IN WHICH PRIZES ARE WON BY PERSONS WHO BUY CHANCES IN THE LOTTERY.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the County Commissioners of Worcester County may issue a