

## CHAPTER 258

(House Bill 1083)

AN ACT concerning

## Carroll County - Gaming Events --Prizes

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of a prize that may be awarded at certain carnivals, bazaars, raffles, or games in Carroll County; authorizing prizes to be awarded in cash; prohibiting card games, dice games, roulette, and certain events known as casino nights; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to prizes--awarded at carnivals, bazaars, raffles, or-games bingo games, or other gaming events in Carroll County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section ~~258(a)~~ 255(b) and 258  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 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.

(b) (1) This subtitle may not be construed to make it unlawful for any volunteer fire company or bona fide fraternal, civic, war veterans', religious or charitable organization or corporation to conduct or hold a carnival, bazaar, or raffle for the exclusive benefit of any such volunteer fire company or fraternal, civic, war veterans', religious or charitable organization or corporation, if no individual or group of individuals benefits financially from the holding of any bazaar, carnival, or raffle or receives or is paid any of the proceeds from any carnival, bazaar, or raffle, for personal use or benefit.

(2) The organization or corporation may award prizes in cash or in merchandise by such devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels, wheels of fortune, chance books, bingo, or any other gaming device.

(3) However, carnivals, bazaars, or raffles shall be managed by the members of such group, organization or corporation personally through its members.