

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

36H.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section, the State of Maryland hereby preempts the rights of any county, municipal corporation, or special taxing district whether by law, ordinance, or regulation to regulate the purchase, sale, taxation, transfer, manufacture, repair, ownership, possession, and transportation of the following:

- (1) Handgun, as defined in [Art. 27,] § 36F(b) OF THIS ARTICLE;
- (2) Rifle, as defined in [Art. 27,] § 36F(d) OF THIS ARTICLE;
- (3) Shotgun, as defined in [Art. 27,] § 36F(g) OF THIS ARTICLE; and
- (4) Ammunition and components for the above enumerated items.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Error: Stylistic error in Article 27, § 36H(a).

Occurred: Ch. 724, Acts of 1985.

258B.

(a) Any group of citizens of Prince George's County, or any company, association or body corporate, bona fide organized or hereafter bona fide organized within said county for the promotion of the purposes of a volunteer fire department, or of any charitable, benevolent, patriotic, fraternal, educational, religious or [civil] CIVIC object or objects, and not organized for the private profit or gain of any member of such group, company, association or body corporate, may conduct and operate any benefit performance, such as an outdoor or indoor carnival, fair, picnic, dance, card party, bingo party, bazaar, concert, contest, exhibition, lecture, barbecue or dinner, to which the public is invited or admitted with or without charge for such admission, the net proceeds of which benefit performance shall inure to such group, company, association or body corporate for the promotion of and to be used for one or more of the objects hereinbefore set forth, and not for the private gain of any member of such group or organization; and at any such benefit performance, conducted under the conditions herein prescribed, it shall be lawful to award prizes in merchandise, conduct games of skill, to dispose of merchandise and other things of value by auction or voting or by such mechanical devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels, wheels of fortune, bingo, or other similar methods, and with or without an entrance or participation charge or fee; it shall also be lawful to award cash prizes of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per prize. Provided, that before operating any such benefit performance, any such group or organization shall first obtain from the department of inspections and permits for Prince George's County a written permit therefor, and, provided further, that such benefit performance is managed and operated only by members of such group or organization personally. Any person, company, association or corporation operating, or attempting to