

## Section 258B(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 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

258B.

(a) Any group of citizens of Prince George's County, or any company, association or ~~body~~ corporate BODY, bona fide organized within Prince George's County for the promotion of the purposes of a volunteer fire department, or of any charitable, benevolent, patriotic, fraternal, educational, religious or civic object, 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 if the net proceeds of the benefit performance inure to the 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 the group or organization. At a 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 \$1,000 per prize. Before operating any such benefit performance, [other than a casino night as defined in subsection (c) of this section,] the group or organization shall first obtain from the ~~Department of Environmental Resources for~~ GOVERNING BODY OF Prince George's County OR ITS DESIGNEE a written permit. The benefit performance may be managed and operated only by members of such group or organization personally. Except as OTHERWISE provided in [subsection (c)(3) of] this section, any person, company, association or corporation operating, or attempting to operate any such benefit performance in violation of this [subsection] SECTION, shall, upon conviction of such violation, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment in jail for a period of not more than 1 year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

(c) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) 1. "CASINO NIGHT" MEANS A BENEFIT PERFORMANCE AT WHICH CARD GAMES, WHEELS OF ~~FORTUNE~~ CHANCE, OR ROULETTE ARE PLAYED AND ~~PRIZES ARE AWARDED~~ MONEY WINNINGS OR TOKENS REDEEMABLE IN MONEY ARE AWARDED AS PRIZES.