

Defined terms: "Person" § 1-101

"Slot machine" § 12-301

12-304. EXCEPTION — ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION IN SPECIFIED COUNTIES.

(A) "ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION" MEANS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT:

(1) HAS BEEN LOCATED IN A COUNTY LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS BEFORE THE ORGANIZATION APPLIES FOR A LICENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(2) IS A BONA FIDE:

(I) FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION;

(II) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION; OR

(III) WAR VETERANS' ORGANIZATION.

(B) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION APPLIES IN:

(1) CAROLINE COUNTY;

(2) CECIL COUNTY;

(3) DORCHESTER COUNTY;

(4) KENT COUNTY;

(5) QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY;

(6) SOMERSET COUNTY;

(7) TALBOT COUNTY; AND

(8) WICOMICO COUNTY.

(C) OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION BY ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION ALLOWED.

(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, A CONSOLE OR SET OF AFFIXED SLOT MACHINES IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL SLOT MACHINE.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION MAY OWN AND OPERATE A SLOT MACHINE IF THE ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION:

(I) OBTAINS A LICENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH SLOT MACHINE;

(II) OWNS EACH SLOT MACHINE THAT THE ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION OPERATES;