

IN THIS SECTION, "BINGO" INCLUDES THE GAME OF INSTANT BINGO.

(B) QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS AUTHORIZED.

A BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS, FRATERNAL, OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, OR A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OPERATING IN A COMMUNITY THAT DOES NOT HAVE A PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT, MAY CONDUCT BINGO IN THE COUNTY:

- (1) FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHARITY IN THE COUNTY; OR
- (2) TO FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 247(c) and, as it related to bingo in Anne Arundel County, (a).

Subsection (b) of this section is restated as an affirmative grant of authority to certain qualified organizations to operate bingo for specified purposes for clarity.

In subsection (b) of this section, the former limitation "[n]othing in this subtitle [sic] shall be construed to make it unlawful" is deleted in light of § 13-101 of this title and the reorganization of material derived from the former "Gaming" subheading of Article 27 in Titles 12 and 13 of this article.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former references to "corporations" are deleted as included in the references to an "organization".

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to "operat[ing]" bingo is deleted as included in the reference to "conduct[ing]" bingo.

13-408. UNAUTHORIZED GAMING EVENT.

(A) PROHIBITED.

A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY OPERATE OR ATTEMPT TO OPERATE A GAMING EVENT IN THE COUNTY IN VIOLATION OF § 13-403 OR § 13-404 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 255(h)(5).

In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to "§ 13-403 or § 13-404 of this subtitle" is substituted for the former reference to "this subsection" to reflect the reorganization of material derived from former Art. 27, § 255(h).

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to an