

13-503. QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS.

(A) PERMIT REQUIRED.

BEFORE AN ORGANIZATION LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY OPERATE A GAMING EVENT, THE ORGANIZATION SHALL OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE COMMISSIONER.

(B) QUALIFICATIONS.

(1) AN ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS THE CONDITIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY CONDUCT A GAMING EVENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LISTED ORGANIZATIONS IF THE ORGANIZATION IS A BONA FIDE:

(I) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION;

(II) FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION;

(III) CIVIC ORGANIZATION;

(IV) VETERANS' HOSPITAL;

(V) AMATEUR ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION IN WHICH ALL PLAYING MEMBERS ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS; OR

(VI) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

(2) AN ORGANIZATION CONDUCTING A GAMING EVENT SHALL:

(I) BE LOCATED IN BALTIMORE CITY; AND

(II) SPEND A MAJORITY OF THE ORGANIZATION'S FUNDS IN BALTIMORE CITY FOR:

1. FRATERNAL PURPOSES;

2. CIVIC PURPOSES;

3. PURPOSES RELATED TO A VETERANS' HOSPITAL;

4. PURPOSES RELATED TO AMATEUR ATHLETICS; OR

5. CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

(C) APPLICATION.

(1) BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE A PERMIT, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REVIEW THE CHARACTER OF THE ORGANIZATION APPLYING FOR THE PERMIT TO ASCERTAIN THAT THE ORGANIZATION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF §§ 13-503 THROUGH 13-505 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAKE ANY APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT AND THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSIONER ON THAT APPLICATION A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.

(D) PERMIT.