

certain raffles; defining certain terms; and generally relating to raffles in Carroll County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 258(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1990 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

258.

(a) (1) Nothing in this subtitle may be construed to make it unlawful for any bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital, amateur athletic or charitable organization or volunteer fire company of Carroll County to conduct or hold a carnival, bazaar, raffle, or game of bingo or other game of entertainment for the benefit of any religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital, amateur athletic or charitable organization or volunteer fire company, or corporation, provided that no individual or group of individuals shall benefit financially from the holding of any such bazaar, carnival, raffle, or game or shall receive or be paid any of the proceeds from any such carnival, bazaar, raffle or game for personal use or benefit. At the carnival, bazaar or game, it is lawful to award prizes to any individual in cash or merchandise up to \$100 in any one game.

(2) (I) 1. IN THIS PARAGRAPH THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

2. "MULTI-DRAWING RAFFLE" MEANS A RAFFLE FOR WHICH THE DRAWINGS ARE HELD ON MORE THAN 1 DAY.

3. "RAFFLE" MEANS 1 OR MORE DRAWINGS FROM A SINGLE SERIES OF CHANCES SOLD BY MEANS OF CHANCE BOOKS OR SIMILAR DEVICES, AT WHICH 1 OR MORE PRIZES ARE AWARDED.

4. "SINGLE-DRAWING RAFFLE" MEANS A RAFFLE FOR WHICH THE DRAWINGS ARE HELD ON A SINGLE DAY.

(II) At the carnival, bazaar, raffle or game, it is lawful to award prizes to any individual in cash or merchandise in a raffle by means of chance books[, but there shall be only one major prize in any raffle and no organization shall have more than one raffle or participate in more than one raffle in any one year in which the major prize is valued at \$500 or more and no organization shall have more than five raffles or participate in more than five raffles in one year in which the major prize is valued at less than \$500].