
By: **Delegate Malone**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Card Games and Prizes - Repeal of Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition in Baltimore County against a qualified
4 organization from operating a card game and awarding a prize of money or
5 merchandise; and generally relating to gaming in Baltimore County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - Criminal Law
8 Section 13-603(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Criminal Law
13 Section 13-603(d)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Criminal Law**

19 13-603.

20 (a) Before an organization listed in subsection (b) of this section may operate a
21 gaming event or casino event, the organization shall obtain a permit from the
22 Department of Permits and Development Management.

23 (d) (1) An organization that obtains a permit may award a prize of money or
24 merchandise using:

25 (i) a paddle wheel;

26 (ii) a wheel of fortune;

- 1 (iii) a chance book;
- 2 (iv) bingo; or
- 3 (v) any other gaming device except:
- 4 1. [a card game;
- 5 2.] a dice game; or
- 6 [3.] 2. roulette.
- 7 (2) Except as provided in § 13-604 of this subtitle, a person may not:
- 8 (i) operate [a card game,] a dice game[,] or roulette; or
- 9 (ii) conduct a casino event.
- 10 (3) An organization that obtains a permit shall ensure that:
- 11 (i) an individual or group of individuals does not benefit
- 12 financially from the holding of the gaming event;
- 13 (ii) an individual or group of individuals does not receive any of the
- 14 proceeds of the gaming event for personal use or benefit; and
- 15 (iii) the gaming event is managed personally by the members of the
- 16 permit holder.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

18 October 1, 2005.