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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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; prohibiting a person in Baltimore County from conducting a card  
6 game more than once a month; and generally relating to gaming in Baltimore  
7 County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article - Criminal Law  
10 Section 13-603(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - Criminal Law  
15 Section 13-603(d)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Criminal Law**

2 13-603.

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

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

- 8 (i) a paddle wheel;
- 9 (ii) a wheel of fortune;
- 10 (iii) a chance book;
- 11 (iv) bingo; or
- 12 (v) any other gaming device except:
  - 13 1. [a card game;
  - 14 2.] a dice game; or
  - 15 [3.] 2. roulette.

16 (2) Except as provided in § 13-604 of this subtitle, a person may not:

- 17 (i) operate [a card game,] a dice game[,] or roulette; or
- 18 (ii) conduct a casino event.

19 (3) A PERSON MAY NOT CONDUCT A CARD GAME MORE THAN ONCE A  
 20 MONTH.

21 (↔) (4) An organization that obtains a permit shall ensure that:

- 22 (i) an individual or group of individuals does not benefit  
 23 financially from the holding of the gaming event;
- 24 (ii) an individual or group of individuals does not receive any of the  
 25 proceeds of the gaming event for personal use or benefit; and
- 26 (iii) the gaming event is managed personally by the members of the  
 27 permit holder.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 29 October 1, 2005.

