

Chapter 97

(House Bill 329)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Gaming Permits

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of gaming events that a certain organization in Frederick County may hold in a calendar year in which the major prize has a value of more than a certain amount; and generally relating to gaming events in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13–1304(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13–1304(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

13–1304.

(a) Before an organization listed in subsection (b) of this section may conduct a gaming event, the organization shall obtain a permit from the county agency that the county commissioners designate.

(b) An organization may conduct a gaming event for its own benefit if the organization is:

- (1) a bona fide:
 - (i) religious organization;
 - (ii) fraternal organization;

- (iii) civic organization;
 - (iv) war veterans' organization;
 - (v) hospital;
 - (vi) amateur athletic organization;
 - (vii) patriotic organization;
 - (viii) educational organization; or
 - (ix) charitable organization;
- (2) a Frederick County volunteer:
- (i) fire company;
 - (ii) rescue company; or
 - (iii) ambulance company; or
- (3) an auxiliary for a Frederick County volunteer:
- (i) fire company;
 - (ii) rescue company; or
 - (iii) ambulance company.
- (f) (1) The holder of a gaming permit may award:
- (i) prizes to individuals at a gaming event; and
 - (ii) only one major prize at each gaming event.

(2) During each calendar year, the holder of a gaming event, including a raffle for which the prize drawings are held on a single day, may not hold or receive the proceeds from more than [one gaming event] **FOUR GAMING EVENTS** in which the major prize has a value of more than \$5,000.

(3) During each calendar year, the holder of a gaming event may hold one raffle in which prize drawings are held on more than a single day if the major prize has a value of \$5,000 or less.

(4) The county commissioners may regulate the number of permits to conduct a raffle that an organization may receive in 1 calendar year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2014.