

HOUSE BILL 329

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Gaming Permits**

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Criminal Law
9 Section 13–1304(a) and (b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Criminal Law
14 Section 13–1304(f)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Criminal Law**

20 13–1304.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

- 3 (1) a bona fide:
- 4 (i) religious organization;
 - 5 (ii) fraternal organization;
 - 6 (iii) civic organization;
 - 7 (iv) war veterans' organization;
 - 8 (v) hospital;
 - 9 (vi) amateur athletic organization;
 - 10 (vii) patriotic organization;
 - 11 (viii) educational organization; or
 - 12 (ix) charitable organization;

- 13 (2) a Frederick County volunteer:
- 14 (i) fire company;
 - 15 (ii) rescue company; or
 - 16 (iii) ambulance company; or
- 17 (3) an auxiliary for a Frederick County volunteer:
- 18 (i) fire company;
 - 19 (ii) rescue company; or
 - 20 (iii) ambulance company.

- 21 (f) (1) The holder of a gaming permit may award:
- 22 (i) prizes to individuals at a gaming event; and
 - 23 (ii) only one major prize at each gaming event.

- 24 (2) During each calendar year, the holder of a gaming event, including
25 a raffle for which the prize drawings are held on a single day, may not hold or receive

1 the proceeds from more than [one gaming event] **FOUR GAMING EVENTS** in which the
2 major prize has a value of more than \$5,000.

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

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

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