SENATE BILL 899

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By: **Senator Hershey**
Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Kent County – Gaming – Permits

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of gaming permits that the Board of County Commissioners of Kent County may issue in a single year to an organization that meets certain qualifications; and generally relating to gaming in Kent County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13–1702 and 13–1703(a) through (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13–1703(e)(3)
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

13–1702.

(a) This subtitle applies only in Kent County.

(b) This subtitle does not authorize gambling using a slot machine or coin machine.

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

13–1703.

(a) The county commissioners may issue a permit to an organization specified in subsection (c) of this section to use two or more of the following gaming devices in conducting a fundraiser at which a prize of merchandise or money may be awarded:

(1) a paddle wheel;

(2) a wheel of fortune;

(3) a chance book;

(4) a card game;

(5) a raffle; or

(6) any other gaming device.

(b) Unless conducted at an event requiring a permit under subsection (a) of this section, a raffle is not a multiple gaming device regulated under this section.

(c) (1) In this subsection, "charity" means an organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) The county commissioners may issue a permit to use multiple gaming devices to:

(i) a bona fide religious organization that has conducted religious services at the same location in the county for at least 3 years before applying for a permit;

(ii) a county–supported or municipally supported volunteer fire company or an auxiliary unit whose members are directly associated with the volunteer fire company or auxiliary unit;

(iii) a nationally chartered veterans' organization or an auxiliary unit whose members are directly associated with the veterans' organization;

(iv) for the purpose of conducting a fundraiser for the benefit of a charity located in the county, a bona fide:

1. fraternal organization;

2. educational organization;

3. civic organization;

4. patriotic organization; or

5. charitable organization; or

(v) a bona fide nonprofit organization that:

1. has operated on a nonprofit basis in the county for at least 3 years before applying for a permit; and

2. intends to use the multiple gaming devices to raise money for an exclusively charitable, athletic, or educational purpose specifically described in the permit application.

(e) (3) The county commissioners may not issue more than **[**two**]** **SIX** permits to an organization in a single year.

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