

# HOUSE BILL 280

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(5lr1778)

## ENROLLED BILL

— Ways and Means/Budget and Taxation —

Introduced by **Carroll County Delegation**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – ~~Table~~ Gaming Events**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations in Carroll County to conduct a card  
4 game, card tournament, or ~~table gaming~~ casino event under certain circumstances;  
5 requiring an organization to obtain a certain permit from the Board of County  
6 Commissioners for Carroll County before conducting a card game, card tournament,  
7 or ~~table gaming~~ casino event; requiring an organization that seeks a permit to meet  
8 certain requirements; specifying that a card game, card tournament, or ~~table gaming~~  
9 casino event may be managed and ~~organized~~ operated by certain organizations;  
10 prohibiting an operator of a card game, card tournament, or ~~table gaming~~ casino  
11 event from receiving compensation; requiring ~~individuals who participate in or help~~  
12 ~~operate~~ a certain volunteer or player in a card game, card tournament, or ~~table~~  
13 ~~gaming~~ casino event to be of ~~certain ages~~ a certain age; specifying that a permit  
14 holder may receive a certain maximum number of permits in a calendar year;  
15 providing a certain time limit on a card game, card tournament, or ~~table gaming~~

**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 casino event; specifying that a permit is not transferable; requiring that proceeds  
 2 from a card game, card tournament, or ~~table gaming~~ casino event be used for certain  
 3 purposes and may not be used for ~~certain~~ other purposes, ~~subject~~; ~~specifying to~~ a  
 4 certain exception; specifying that the operation of a card game, card tournament, or  
 5 ~~table gaming~~ casino event may not occur ~~during a certain time~~ after a certain time  
 6 on Sunday; authorizing a permit holder under this Act to charge only a preset  
 7 entrance fee; requiring participants in a card game, card tournament, or ~~table~~  
 8 ~~gaming~~ casino event to use tokens and not cash for wagering under certain  
 9 circumstances; prohibiting a permit holder from exchanging tokens under certain  
 10 circumstances; requiring a permit holder to submit a certain financial report and  
 11 certain information about winners of prizes to the Board of County Commissioners  
 12 for Carroll County under certain circumstances; ~~requiring the Board of County~~  
 13 ~~Commissioners to forward a certain report and certain information to the State~~  
 14 ~~Lottery and Gaming Control Commission~~; authorizing the Board of County  
 15 Commissioners to adopt certain regulations; providing a certain penalty; defining  
 16 certain terms; and generally relating to gaming in Carroll County.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Criminal Law

19 Section 13–906

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

22 BY adding to

23 Article – Criminal Law

24 Section 13–906.1

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

29 **Article – Criminal Law**

30 13–906.

31 (a) Notwithstanding § 13–903 of this subtitle AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
 32 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AND § 13–906.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, a person may  
 33 not conduct a card game, dice game, roulette, or casino [night unless the person is a senior  
 34 center site council that conducts a card game under subsection (b) of this section] EVENT.

35 (b) (1) A senior center site council may conduct a card game in a senior center  
 36 5 days per week, excluding Sunday.

37 (2) A senior center site council may not:

1                   (i)     award a prize of money exceeding \$5 to a winner in each session;  
 2 and

3                   (ii)    charge a participant more than \$1 to play one session.

4                   (3)     All money that remains after prizes are awarded shall be distributed to  
 5 the senior center site council.

6 **13-906.1.**

7           (A)   (1)    **IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
 8 **INDICATED.**

9                   (2)     “CASINO EVENT” INCLUDES THE PLAY OF CARD GAMES, DICE  
 10 GAMES, AND ROULETTE.

11                  ~~(2)~~ (3)     **“PERMIT” MEANS A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A CARD GAME,**  
 12 **CARD TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT.**

13                  ~~(3)~~     ~~“TABLE GAMING EVENT” INCLUDES THE PLAY OF CARD GAMES,~~  
 14 ~~DICE GAMES, AND ROULETTE.~~

15           (B)   **BEFORE AN ORGANIZATION MAY CONDUCT A CARD GAME, CARD**  
 16 **TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT, THE ORGANIZATION SHALL**  
 17 **OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CARROLL**  
 18 **COUNTY.**

19           (C)   **TO QUALIFY FOR A PERMIT, AN ORGANIZATION SHALL BE A BONA FIDE:**

20                   (1)    **AMATEUR ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION;**

21                   (2)    **CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION;**

22                   (3)    **CIVIC ORGANIZATION;**

23                   (4)    **FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION;**

24                   (5)    **HOSPITAL;**

25                   (6)    **RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION;**

26                   (7)    **VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY; OR**

27                   (8)    **WAR VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION.**

1 (D) (1) A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE GAMING~~ CASINO  
2 EVENT MAY BE:

3 (I) MANAGED AND OPERATED BY THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS  
4 THE PERMIT HOLDER; OR

5 (II) MANAGED BY THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PERMIT  
6 HOLDER AND OPERATED BY ANOTHER ORGANIZATION LISTED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF  
7 THIS SECTION.

8 (2) (I) AN OPERATOR OF A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR  
9 ~~TABLE GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION.

10 (II) TO VOLUNTEER AS AN OPERATOR OF A CARD GAME, CARD  
11 TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE AT  
12 LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.

13 (III) TO PARTICIPATE IN A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR  
14 ~~TABLE GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD.

15 (E) (1) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY RECEIVE  
16 NOT MORE THAN FOUR PERMITS IN A CALENDAR YEAR.

17 (2) A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE GAMING~~ CASINO  
18 EVENT MAY NOT LAST LONGER THAN 24 CONSECUTIVE HOURS.

19 (F) A PERMIT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

20 (G) (1) PROCEEDS FROM A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE~~  
21 ~~GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION:

22 (I) SHALL BE USED TO BENEFIT A CHARITY OR TO FURTHER  
23 THE PURPOSE OF THE PERMIT HOLDER; AND

24 (II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
25 SUBSECTION, MAY NOT ~~BENEFIT FINANCIALLY OR BE USED FOR~~ BE USED FOR THE  
26 FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR THE PERSONAL USE OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR A GROUP OF  
27 INDIVIDUALS.

28 (2) ON APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR  
29 CARROLL COUNTY, PROCEEDS MAY BE USED TO BENEFIT A FAMILY WITH MEDICAL  
30 NEEDS.

1 (H) A PERMIT MAY NOT AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF A CARD GAME,  
2 CARD TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT AFTER 1 A.M. ON SUNDAY.

3 (I) (1) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY CHARGE  
4 ONLY A PRESET ENTRANCE FEE FOR A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE~~  
5 ~~GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT.

6 (2) PARTICIPANTS IN A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE~~  
7 ~~GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT SHALL RECEIVE TOKENS FOR WAGERING IN EXCHANGE FOR  
8 THE ENTRANCE FEE.

9 (3) A PARTICIPANT MAY PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TOKENS, AT A TOTAL  
10 COST NOT EXCEEDING 100% OF THE ENTRANCE FEE, DURING A CARD GAME, CARD  
11 TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT.

12 (4) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY NOT ALLOW  
13 CASH TO BE USED FOR WAGERING.

14 (J) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY NOT EXCHANGE  
15 TOKENS USED FOR WAGERING FOR:

16 (1) AN ITEM OF MERCHANDISE THAT IS WORTH MORE THAN \$10,000;

17 (2) MONEY; OR

18 (3) AN ITEM OF MERCHANDISE HAVING A VALUE THAT IS DIFFERENT  
19 FROM THE FAIR MARKET RETAIL VALUE OF THE ITEM OF MERCHANDISE THAT WAS  
20 RECEIVED FOR THE TOKENS.

21 (K) ~~(H)~~ WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER HOLDING A CARD GAME, CARD  
22 TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT, THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE  
23 PERMIT HOLDER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR  
24 CARROLL COUNTY:

25 ~~(H)~~ (1) A FINANCIAL REPORT THAT LISTS THE RECEIPTS AND  
26 EXPENDITURES FOR THE CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE GAMING~~  
27 CASINO EVENT; AND

28 ~~(H)~~ (2) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND SOCIAL SECURITY  
29 NUMBER OF A PARTICIPANT THAT IS DECLARED THE WINNER AT A CARD GAME, CARD  
30 TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO EVENT OF A PRIZE FOR WHICH ISSUANCE OF INTERNAL  
31 REVENUE SERVICE FORM W-2G OR A SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT FORM IS  
32 REQUIRED.

1           ~~(2) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CARROLL~~  
 2 ~~COUNTY SHALL FORWARD THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND INFORMATION REQUIRED~~  
 3 ~~UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING~~  
 4 ~~CONTROL COMMISSION.~~

5           (L) IN ADDITION TO BEING SUBJECT TO § 13-909 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN  
 6 ORGANIZATION THAT IS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THIS SECTION IS INELIGIBLE TO  
 7 RECEIVE A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A PERIOD ~~NOT EXCEEDING OF~~ 5  
 8 YEARS.

9           (M) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CARROLL COUNTY MAY  
 10 ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS TO  
 11 GOVERN:

12                   (1) THE ISSUING OF PERMITS;

13                   (2) PERMIT FEES; AND

14                   (3) THE CONDUCT AND MANAGEMENT OF A CARD GAME, CARD  
 15 TOURNAMENT, OR ~~TABLE GAMING~~ CASINO EVENT IN A MANNER TO PREVENT FRAUD  
 16 AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC.

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 18 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.