# **Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly 2018 Session

## FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE Third Reader

House Bill 610

(Carroll County Delegation)

Ways and Means

**Budget and Taxation** 

#### **Carroll County - Gaming - Repeal of Sunday Prohibition**

This bill repeals the prohibition in Carroll County against issuing a permit to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event after 1:00 a.m. on Sunday.

#### **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill only affects local government operations.

**Local Effect:** Allowing a permit holder to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event after 1:00 a.m. on Sunday does not affect Carroll County's finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

## **Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Carroll County Board of County Commissioners may issue a permit to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event (including card games, dice games, and roulette) to a bona fide hospital, volunteer fire company, or a religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', amateur athletic, or charitable organization. These gaming events may not last longer than 24 consecutive hours and are prohibited after 1:00 a.m. on a Sunday.

Among other requirements, an organization may receive up to four permits per year. Proceeds from an event may be used only to benefit charity or to further the purpose of the qualified organization and may not personally benefit an individual or group of individuals unless to benefit a family with medical needs upon approval of the Carroll County Board of County Commissioners.

#### **Additional Information**

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 275 (Carroll County Senators) - Budget and Taxation.

**Information Source(s):** Carroll County; Comptroller's Office; Maryland State Lottery

and Gaming Control Agency; Department of Legislative Services

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