

Chapter 275

**(House Bill 945)**

AN ACT concerning

**Carroll County – Multi-Drawing Raffles**

FOR the purpose of altering the number of weekly drawings allowed in a multi-drawing raffle that certain organizations in Carroll County may conduct; repealing a certain limitation on the value of the major prize in a multi-drawing raffle; and generally relating to raffles in Carroll County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Criminal Law  
Section 13-903(b) and 13-904(a)(1) and (2)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Criminal Law  
Section 13-904(c)(3)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

**Article – Criminal Law**

13-903.

- (b) To conduct bingo or a gaming event an organization must be a bona fide:
  - (1) religious organization;
  - (2) fraternal organization;
  - (3) civic organization;
  - (4) war veterans' organization;
  - (5) hospital;
  - (6) amateur athletic organization;
  - (7) charitable organization; or

- (8) volunteer fire company.

13-904.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

- (2) “Multi-drawing raffle” means a raffle for which the drawings are held on more than 1 day.

- (c) (3) An organization listed in § 13-903 of this subtitle may not hold:

- (i) more than [30] **52** weekly drawings in a multi-drawing raffle;

**OR**

- (ii) more than two multi-drawing raffles during a year[; or

- (iii) a multi-drawing raffle in which the major prize is worth more than \$1,100].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2022.**