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By: **Calvert County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County - Gambling Permit Review Committee - Quorum**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the membership of the Calvert County gambling
4 permit review committee to include a certain number of alternate members;
5 establishing a quorum for the committee; allowing the chairman of the
6 committee to make a quorum under certain circumstances by designating a
7 certain number of alternate members as regular members; allowing an alternate
8 member to participate on the committee only under certain circumstances; and
9 generally relating to the Calvert County gambling permit review committee.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
12 Section 255(i)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

18 255.

19 (i) (1) In Calvert County a volunteer fire company, or bona fide fraternal,
20 civic, war veterans', religious or charitable organization or corporation may conduct or
21 hold any carnival, bazaar, or gaming event in accordance with subsection (b) of this
22 section if the County Commissioners of Calvert County grant a permit that specifies

1 the nature of the gaming device and the frequency with which the carnival, bazaar, or
2 gaming event shall be held.

3 (2) The County Commissioners shall appoint a gambling permit review
4 committee consisting of [5] FIVE REGULAR members AND TWO ALTERNATE
5 MEMBERS.

6 (3) A QUORUM OF THE GAMBLING PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE
7 CONSISTS OF THREE REGULAR MEMBERS.

8 (4) IF FEWER THAN THREE REGULAR MEMBERS ARE PRESENT AT A
9 MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE MAY MAKE A QUORUM BY
10 DESIGNATING FOR THAT MEETING THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF ALTERNATE
11 MEMBERS AS REGULAR MEMBERS.

12 (5) AN ALTERNATE MEMBER MAY PARTICIPATE ON THE COMMITTEE
13 ONLY AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

14 (6) The committee shall be responsible for promulgating regulations,
15 subject to approval by the commissioners, pertaining to gambling activities and the
16 issuance of permits under this subsection.

17 (7) The County Commissioners may charge a reasonable fee for the
18 issuance of the permit.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
20 effect October 1, 1998.