
By: **Delegate Rzepkowski**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County - Charitable Gaming Events**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain prohibition against conducting certain
4 charitable gaming events in Anne Arundel County; and generally relating to
5 certain charitable gaming events in Anne Arundel County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 255(h)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 255.

15 (h) (1) (i) In this subsection the following terms have the meanings
16 indicated.

17 (ii) "Bona fide member" means an individual who obtained a
18 membership in an organization in accordance with the charter and bylaws of the
19 organization and has been a member for at least 12 months immediately prior to the
20 gaming event.

21 (iii) 1. "Casino event" means any event that involves a card
22 game, dice game, or roulette game.

23 2. "Casino event" does not include a card game or dice game
24 that is played for tokens for which no cash prizes are offered or awarded.

25 (2) (i) This subsection applies only in Anne Arundel County.

1 (ii) Any gaming device used at a carnival, bazaar, raffle, or other
2 organized gaming event shall be operated without the assistance of professionals and
3 only by bona fide members of the organization or bona fide members of other
4 organizations permitted to operate gaming devices under this section.

5 (iii) Except for another organization operating gaming devices
6 under this subsection, a person may not receive any fee or compensation from the
7 organization for managing or operating a gaming device at a carnival, bazaar, raffle,
8 or other organized gaming event.

9 (iv) Each organization conducting a carnival, bazaar, raffle, or other
10 organized gaming event shall submit to the Anne Arundel County Department of
11 Inspections and Permits a report under oath for each gaming event that provides, in
12 the manner determined by the county:

13 1. An accounting of all funds received; and

14 2. A listing of the names, addresses, ages, and date of
15 membership of all individuals who managed or operated any gaming device at the
16 gaming event, with a statement that each of those individuals is a bona fide member
17 of the organization.

18 (v) This subsection does not limit or restrict the authority of Anne
19 Arundel County to regulate, license, and designate the type of amusement or gaming
20 devices or casino events which may be operated in the county.

21 (vi) The provisions of this subsection do not amend or apply to the
22 law pertaining to raffles in Anne Arundel County under § 248 of this article.

23 (3) (i) Except as provided in this paragraph, a person may not conduct
24 a casino event in Anne Arundel County.

25 (ii) Subject to the requirements of this paragraph and paragraph
26 (2) of this subsection, a volunteer fire company or bona fide fraternal, civic, war
27 veterans', religious, amateur athletic, or charitable organization or corporation may
28 conduct, no more than one time within a calendar year, a casino event that is limited
29 to one or more of the following:

30 1. Any of the card games commonly known as blackjack or
31 five card showdown poker; or

32 2. An under/over dice game.

33 (iii) A person may not operate or assist in operating a casino event
34 unless the person:

35 1. Is a bona fide member of the organization conducting the
36 event;

37 2. Is at least 21 years old; and

