
By: **Delegates Owings and O'Donnell**
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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County - Bingo - Nonprofit Organizations**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing in Calvert County a volunteer fire department or a
4 fraternal, civic, war veterans', religious, or charitable organization or
5 corporation to conduct a charitable bingo event under certain circumstances
6 without first obtaining a permit; and generally relating to bingo in Calvert
7 County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
10 Section 255(i)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

16 255.

17 (i) (1) [In] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (8) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
18 IN Calvert County a volunteer fire company, or bona fide fraternal, civic, war
19 veterans', religious or charitable organization or corporation may conduct or hold any
20 carnival, bazaar, or gaming event in accordance with subsection (b) of this section if
21 the County Commissioners of Calvert County grant a permit that specifies the nature
22 of the gaming device and the frequency with which the carnival, bazaar, or gaming
23 event shall be held.

24 (2) The County Commissioners shall appoint a gambling permit review
25 committee consisting of five regular members and two alternate members.

26 (3) A quorum of the gambling permit review committee consists of three
27 regular members.

1 (4) If fewer than three regular members are present at a meeting, the
2 chairman of the committee may make a quorum by designating for that meeting the
3 required number of alternate members as regular members.

4 (5) An alternate member may participate on the committee only as set
5 forth in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

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

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

11 (8) A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OR A FRATERNAL, CIVIC, WAR
12 VETERANS', RELIGIOUS, OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION MAY
13 CONDUCT A CHARITABLE BINGO EVENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF
14 THIS SECTION WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2001.