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By: **Delegates Hixson, C. Davis, Healey, Howard, Marriott, and Patterson**  
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Gaming Accountability Act of 2003**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain organizations that conduct certain gaming  
4 events to submit a report semiannually to the State Lottery Agency and the  
5 Attorney General; requiring that the report contain an accounting of all income  
6 raised by each gaming event and the disposition of that income; authorizing the  
7 Attorney General to prohibit a county from allowing an organization to conduct  
8 a gaming event for a certain period under certain circumstances; and generally  
9 relating to gaming events conducted by qualified organizations.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article - Criminal Law  
12 Section 13-201  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2002 Volume)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article - Criminal Law  
17 Section 13-206  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2002 Volume)

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

22 **Article - Criminal Law**

23 13-201.

24 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (b) "Gaming event" means a carnival, bazaar, or raffle.

26 (c) "Qualified organization" means:

- 1 (1) a volunteer fire company; or
- 2 (2) a bona fide:
  - 3 (i) religious organization;
  - 4 (ii) fraternal organization;
  - 5 (iii) civic organization;
  - 6 (iv) war veterans' organization; or
  - 7 (v) charitable organization.

8 13-206.

9 (A) A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION THAT CONDUCTS A GAMING EVENT  
10 SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT UNDER AFFIDAVIT EVERY 6 MONTHS TO THE STATE  
11 LOTTERY AGENCY AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

12 (B) IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE  
13 REPORT SHALL CONTAIN AN ACCOUNTING OF ALL INCOME RAISED BY EACH GAMING  
14 EVENT SINCE THE LAST REPORT THAT THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION HAS  
15 CONDUCTED AND THE DISPOSITION OF THAT INCOME.

16 (C) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY PROHIBIT A COUNTY FROM  
17 ALLOWING AN ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT A GAMING EVENT FOR UP TO 1 YEAR IF  
18 THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2003.