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By: **Carroll County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2004

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - Raffles**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of single-drawing raffles that certain  
4 organizations in Carroll County may hold during a year; and generally relating  
5 to raffles in Carroll County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article - Criminal Law  
8 Section 13-902(a) and 13-903  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Criminal Law  
13 Section 13-904  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Criminal Law**

19 13-902.

20 (a) This subtitle applies only in Carroll County.

21 13-903.

22 (a) Before an organization may conduct a gaming event, the organization shall  
23 obtain a permit from the county commissioners.

24 (b) To conduct bingo or a gaming event an organization located in the county  
25 must be a bona fide:

- 1 (1) religious organization;
- 2 (2) fraternal organization;
- 3 (3) civic organization;
- 4 (4) war veterans' organization;
- 5 (5) hospital;
- 6 (6) amateur athletic organization;
- 7 (7) charitable organization; or
- 8 (8) volunteer fire company.

9 (c) (1) Before the county commissioners issue a permit, they shall determine  
10 whether the organization applying for the permit qualifies under this subtitle and the  
11 conditions of this subtitle are met.

12 (2) An application for a permit and the action taken by the county  
13 commissioners on that application are public records.

14 (d) (1) The permit shall state that the gaming event shall be managed and  
15 operated only by members of the organization holding the permit.

16 (2) A permit is not transferable.

17 (e) (1) A gaming event conducted under this section shall be conducted for  
18 the benefit of an organization listed in subsection (b) of this section.

19 (2) An individual or group of individuals may not benefit financially, or  
20 receive proceeds for personal use or benefit, from a gaming event conducted under  
21 this section.

22 (3) A permit may not authorize the operation of a gaming event after 1  
23 a.m. on Sunday.

24 (4) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iv) of this  
25 paragraph, an organization conducting a gaming event may award a money prize not  
26 exceeding \$100 or merchandise not exceeding \$100 of value to any individual in any  
27 one game.

28 (ii) The maximum amount of a prize awarded in a raffle is governed  
29 by § 13-904(c) of this subtitle.

30 (iii) The maximum amount of a prize awarded in a paddle wheel or  
31 wheel of fortune game is governed by § 13-905(a) of this subtitle.

32 (iv) The maximum amount of a prize awarded in bingo is governed  
33 by § 13-908 of this subtitle.

1 13-904.

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

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

5 (3) "Raffle" means one or more drawings using a single series of chances  
6 sold in chance books or similar devices, at which one or more prizes are awarded.

7 (4) "Single-drawing raffle" means a raffle for which the drawings are  
8 held on a single day.

9 (b) At a gaming event, the holder of a raffle may award a prize of money or  
10 merchandise using a chance book.

11 (c) (1) A single-drawing raffle may have only one major prize.

12 (2) During a year, an organization listed in § 13-903 of this subtitle may  
13 hold not more than:

14 (i) [one] SIX single-drawing [raffle] RAFFLES in which the major  
15 prize is worth \$2,500 or more; or

16 (ii) [five] TEN single-drawing raffles in which the major prize is  
17 worth less than \$2,500.

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

19 (i) more than 30 weekly drawings in a multi-drawing raffle;

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

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

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2004.