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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County - Gaming - Raffles**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the holder of a gaming event in Frederick County  
4 during each calendar year to hold one raffle in which prize drawings are held on  
5 more than a single day if the major prize does not exceed a certain monetary  
6 value; specifying that certain restrictions on the monetary value of prizes apply  
7 to raffles for which prize drawings are held on a single day; clarifying the  
8 monetary value of a major prize in a certain gaming event; and generally  
9 relating to raffles in Frederick County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Criminal Law

12 Section 13-1304

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2002 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Criminal Law**

18 13-1304.

19 (a) Before an organization listed in subsection (b) of this section may conduct  
20 a gaming event, the organization shall obtain a permit from the county agency that  
21 the county commissioners designate.

22 (b) An organization may conduct a gaming event for its own benefit if the  
23 organization is:

24 (1) a bona fide:

25 (i) religious organization;

26 (ii) fraternal organization;

- 1 (iii) civic organization;
- 2 (iv) war veterans' organization;
- 3 (v) hospital;
- 4 (vi) amateur athletic organization;
- 5 (vii) patriotic organization;
- 6 (viii) educational organization; or
- 7 (ix) charitable organization;

8 (2) a Frederick County volunteer:

- 9 (i) fire company;
- 10 (ii) rescue company; or
- 11 (iii) ambulance company; or

12 (3) an auxiliary for a Frederick County volunteer:

- 13 (i) fire company;
- 14 (ii) rescue company; or
- 15 (iii) ambulance company.

16 (c) (1) Before the county agency may issue a gaming permit, the county  
17 agency shall determine whether the organization applying for the gaming permit  
18 meets the requirements of this section.

19 (2) An application and the action that the county agency takes on the  
20 application are public records.

21 (d) (1) (i) A gaming permit is valid for 1 year after the date that it is  
22 issued.

23 (ii) A gaming permit may not be transferred.

24 (2) The county commissioners may charge a permit fee.

25 (e) (1) Only members of an organization that holds a gaming permit may  
26 conduct the gaming event.

27 (2) Except as allowed under § 13-1305 of this subtitle, an individual may  
28 not benefit financially from a gaming event.

29 (3) A gaming permit may not authorize a gaming event to be conducted  
30 on a Sunday before 1 p.m.

1 (f) (1) The holder of a gaming permit may award:

2 (i) prizes to individuals at a gaming event; and

3 (ii) only one major prize at each gaming event.

4 (2) During each calendar year, the holder of a gaming event, INCLUDING  
5 A RAFFLE FOR WHICH THE PRIZE DRAWINGS ARE HELD ON A SINGLE DAY, may not  
6 hold or receive the proceeds from:

7 (i) more than one gaming event in which the major prize has a  
8 value of MORE THAN \$5,000 [or more]; and

9 (ii) more than five raffles FOR WHICH THE PRIZE DRAWINGS ARE  
10 HELD ON A SINGLE DAY AND in which the major prize has a value of \$5,000 or less.

11 (3) DURING EACH CALENDAR YEAR, THE HOLDER OF A GAMING EVENT  
12 MAY HOLD ONE RAFFLE IN WHICH PRIZE DRAWINGS ARE HELD ON MORE THAN A  
13 SINGLE DAY IF THE MAJOR PRIZE HAS A VALUE OF \$5,000 OR LESS.

14 (g) The county commissioners may adopt regulations to carry out this section  
15 and §§ 13-1305 and 13-1307 of this subtitle.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 June 1, 2006.