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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Gaming - Casino Events**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain organization to conduct during a certain
4 time a casino event that includes a card game and a casino event during a
5 certain time that includes roulette; requiring a person that holds a casino event
6 to prohibit a player to bet more than a certain amount in a game within the
7 calendar month; altering the period of time for which a permit holder for a
8 certain casino event must ensure that a certain person has not sponsored a
9 casino event; requiring the Department of Permits and Development
10 Management to adopt certain regulations; specifying that the regulations
11 contain a certain requirement; making certain technical changes; and generally
12 relating to casino events in Baltimore County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article - Criminal Law
15 Section 13-602(a)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2002 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article - Criminal Law
20 Section 13-604
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2002 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

25 **Article - Criminal Law**

26 13-602.

27 (a) This subtitle applies only in Baltimore County.

1 13-604.

2 (a) Subject to [subsection (b)] SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) of this section, an
3 organization may conduct:

4 (1) one casino event that includes a card game DURING EACH CALENDAR
5 MONTH; [or] AND

6 (2) ONE CASINO EVENT THAT INCLUDES roulette during each calendar
7 year.

8 (B) [if the organization is] TO CONDUCT A CASINO EVENT UNDER
9 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AN ORGANIZATION SHALL BE a bona fide:

10 (1) religious organization;

11 (2) fraternal organization;

12 (3) civic organization, including:

13 (i) a hunting organization;

14 (ii) a social organization; or

15 (iii) a sporting organization;

16 (4) volunteer fire company;

17 (5) war veterans' organization; or

18 (6) charitable organization.

19 [(b)] (C) (1) A permit holder for a casino event that includes a card game or
20 roulette shall ensure that:

21 (i) the event is conducted in accordance with § 13-603(d)(3) of this
22 subtitle;

23 (ii) a parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of the organization sponsoring
24 the event has not sponsored a casino event within the [preceding 12 months]
25 CALENDAR MONTH; and

26 (iii) the casino event is conducted between 4 p.m. and 1 a.m.

27 (2) A person that holds a casino event that includes a card game or
28 roulette may not:

29 (i) offer or award a money prize to a player of the card game or
30 roulette game;

1 (ii) allow a player to bet more than \$10 in any one game WITHIN
2 THE CALENDAR MONTH;

3 (iii) exchange tokens used in wagering for an item of merchandise
4 that is worth more than \$1,000; or

5 (iv) exchange merchandise that was received for tokens that were
6 used in wagering for:

7 1. money; or

8 2. an item of merchandise having a value that is different
9 from the fair retail market value of the item of merchandise that was received for the
10 tokens.

11 (3) (i) Within 60 days after holding a casino event that includes a card
12 game or roulette, the holder of the permit for the event shall submit to the
13 Department of Permits and Development Management a financial report that lists
14 the receipts and expenditures for the casino event.

15 (ii) Before the permit holder submits the report to the Department
16 of Permits and Development Management, the permit holder shall submit the report
17 to the county police department for review.

18 [(c)] (D) (1) The Department of Permits and Development Management
19 [may] SHALL adopt regulations to govern:

20 [(1)] (I) the issuing of a permit to conduct a casino event; and

21 [(2)] (II) the conduct and management of a casino event in a manner
22 designed to prevent fraud and protect the public.

23 (2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE THAT A SEPARATE PERMIT BE
24 ISSUED FOR EACH CASINO EVENT TO BE CONDUCTED.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 2006.