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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

1 **Article - Criminal Law**

2 13-602.

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

4 13-604.

5 (a) Subject to [subsection (b)] SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) of this section, an
6 organization may conduct:7 (1) one casino event that includes a card game DURING EACH CALENDAR
8 MONTH; [or] AND9 (2) ONE CASINO EVENT THAT INCLUDES roulette during each calendar
10 year.11 (B) [if the organization is] TO CONDUCT A CASINO EVENT UNDER
12 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AN ORGANIZATION SHALL BE a bona fide:

13 (1) religious organization;

14 (2) fraternal organization;

15 (3) civic organization, including:

16 (i) a hunting organization;

17 (ii) a social organization; or

18 (iii) a sporting organization;

19 (4) volunteer fire company;

20 (5) war veterans' organization; or

21 (6) charitable organization.

22 [(b)] (C) (1) A permit holder for a casino event that includes a card game or
23 roulette shall ensure that:24 (i) the event is conducted in accordance with § 13-603(d)(3) of this
25 subtitle;26 (ii) a parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of the organization sponsoring
27 the event has not sponsored a casino event within the [preceding 12 months]
28 CALENDAR MONTH; and

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

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

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

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

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

9 (iv) exchange merchandise that was received for tokens that were
10 used in wagering for:

11 1. money; or

12 2. an item of merchandise having a value that is different
13 from the fair retail market value of the item of merchandise that was received for the
14 tokens.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

