

# HOUSE BILL 479

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Gaming – Casino Events**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition against conducting a casino event in Anne  
4 Arundel County; authorizing certain organizations in Anne Arundel County to  
5 conduct during a certain time a casino event that includes a card game and a  
6 casino event during a certain time that includes roulette; requiring a person  
7 that holds a casino event to prohibit a player to bet more than a certain amount  
8 in a card game or on a roulette spin; specifying a period of time for which a  
9 permit holder for a certain casino event must ensure that a certain person has  
10 not sponsored a casino event; requiring the Department of Inspections and  
11 Permits to adopt certain regulations; specifying that the regulations contain a  
12 certain requirement; and generally relating to casino events in Anne Arundel  
13 County.

14 BY repealing

15 Article – Criminal Law  
16 Section 13–404  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Criminal Law  
21 Section 13–404  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Criminal Law**

4 [13–404.

5 A person may not conduct a casino event in the county.]

6 **13–404.**

7 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN  
8 ORGANIZATION MAY CONDUCT:

9 (1) ONE CASINO EVENT THAT INCLUDES A CARD GAME DURING  
10 EACH CALENDAR MONTH; AND

11 (2) ONE CASINO EVENT THAT INCLUDES ROULETTE DURING EACH  
12 CALENDAR YEAR.

13 (B) TO CONDUCT A CASINO EVENT, AN ORGANIZATION SHALL BE A BONA  
14 FIDE:

15 (1) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION;

16 (2) FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION;

17 (3) CIVIC ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING:

18 (I) A HUNTING ORGANIZATION;

19 (II) A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION; OR

20 (III) A SPORTING ORGANIZATION;

21 (4) VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY;

22 (5) WAR VETERANS' ORGANIZATION; OR

23 (6) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

1           **(C) (1) A PERMIT HOLDER FOR A CASINO EVENT THAT INCLUDES A**  
2 **CARD GAME OR ROULETTE SHALL ENSURE THAT:**

3                   **(I) THE EVENT IS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
4 **13-403(C)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

5                   **(II) A PARENT, SUBSIDIARY, OR AFFILIATE OF THE**  
6 **ORGANIZATION SPONSORING THE EVENT HAS NOT SPONSORED A CASINO EVENT**  
7 **WITHIN THE CALENDAR MONTH; AND**

8                   **(III) THE CASINO EVENT IS CONDUCTED BETWEEN 4 P.M.**  
9 **AND 1 A.M.**

10           **(2) A PERSON THAT HOLDS A CASINO EVENT THAT INCLUDES A**  
11 **CARD GAME OR ROULETTE MAY NOT:**

12                   **(I) OFFER OR AWARD A MONEY PRIZE TO A PLAYER OF THE**  
13 **CARD GAME OR ROULETTE GAME;**

14                   **(II) ALLOW A PLAYER TO BET MORE THAN \$10 IN ANY ONE**  
15 **CARD GAME OR ROULETTE SPIN;**

16                   **(III) EXCHANGE TOKENS USED IN WAGERING FOR AN ITEM**  
17 **OF MERCHANDISE THAT IS WORTH MORE THAN \$1,000; OR**

18                   **(IV) EXCHANGE MERCHANDISE THAT WAS RECEIVED FOR**  
19 **TOKENS THAT WERE USED IN WAGERING FOR:**

20                           **1. MONEY; OR**

21                           **2. AN ITEM OF MERCHANDISE HAVING A VALUE THAT**  
22 **IS DIFFERENT FROM THE FAIR RETAIL MARKET VALUE OF THE ITEM OF**  
23 **MERCHANDISE THAT WAS RECEIVED FOR THE TOKENS.**

24           **(3) (I) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER HOLDING A CASINO EVENT**  
25 **THAT INCLUDES A CARD GAME OR ROULETTE, THE HOLDER OF THE PERMIT FOR**  
26 **THE EVENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND**  
27 **PERMITS A FINANCIAL REPORT THAT LISTS THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**  
28 **FOR THE CASINO EVENT.**

1                   **(II) BEFORE THE PERMIT HOLDER SUBMITS THE REPORT TO**  
2 **THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS, THE PERMIT HOLDER**  
3 **SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR**  
4 **REVIEW.**

5           **(D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS SHALL**  
6 **ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN:**

7                   **(I) THE ISSUING OF A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A CASINO**  
8 **EVENT; AND**

9                   **(II) THE CONDUCT AND MANAGEMENT OF A CASINO EVENT**  
10 **IN A MANNER DESIGNED TO PREVENT FRAUD AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC.**

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

13           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 July 1, 2007.