

# HOUSE BILL 1278

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CF SB 868

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**By: Carroll County Delegation**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Bingo and Gaming Events – Qualified Organizations**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain requirement in Carroll County that restricts  
4 the conduct of bingo or gaming events in the county to qualified organizations  
5 that are located in the county; and generally relating to bingo and gaming  
6 events in Carroll County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Criminal Law  
9 Section 13–901(a) and (c) and 13–902(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Criminal Law  
14 Section 13–903(b) and 13–907(b)(2)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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 13–901.

5 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (c) “Gaming event” means a carnival, bazaar, raffle, or other game of  
7 entertainment.

8 13–902.

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

10 13–903.

11 (b) To conduct bingo or a gaming event an organization [located in the  
12 county] must be a bona fide:

13 (1) religious organization;

14 (2) fraternal organization;

15 (3) civic organization;

16 (4) war veterans’ organization;

17 (5) hospital;

18 (6) amateur athletic organization;

19 (7) charitable organization; or

20 (8) volunteer fire company.

21 13–907.

22 (b) (2) A qualified organization [located in the county] may conduct bingo  
23 in the county to benefit charity or to further the purpose of the qualified organization.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.