

SENATE BILL 868

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By: **Senators Haines, Brinkley, and Kittleman**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2007

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

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)

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

19 **Article - Criminal Law**
20 13-901.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) "Gaming event" means a carnival, bazaar, raffle, or other game of
2 entertainment.

3 13-902.

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

5 13-903.

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

8 (1) religious organization;

9 (2) fraternal organization;

10 (3) civic organization;

11 (4) war veterans' organization;

12 (5) hospital;

13 (6) amateur athletic organization;

14 (7) charitable organization; or

15 (8) volunteer fire company.

16 13-907.

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

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