

CHAPTER 273

(House Bill 1278)

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Bingo and Gaming Events – Qualified Organizations

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

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

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

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

Article – Criminal Law

13–901.

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

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

13–902.

(a) This subtitle applies only in Carroll County.

13-903.

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

- (1) religious organization;
- (2) fraternal organization;
- (3) civic organization;
- (4) war veterans' organization;
- (5) hospital;
- (6) amateur athletic organization;
- (7) charitable organization; or
- (8) volunteer fire company.

13-907.

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.