

HOUSE BILL 215

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By: **Calvert County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2009

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Gaming Events – Bingo and Raffles**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a bona fide educational organization to the list of
4 organizations that may conduct gaming events under certain circumstances in
5 Calvert County; specifying that a certain organization may conduct a bingo
6 game or raffle without a permit under certain circumstances; and generally
7 relating to gaming in Calvert County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Criminal Law
10 Section 13–703
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Law**

16 13–703.

17 (a) [Before] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS**
18 **SECTION, BEFORE** an organization may conduct a gaming event, the organization
19 shall obtain a permit from the county commissioners.

20 (b) An organization may conduct a gaming event in the county if the
21 organization is:

22 (1) a volunteer fire company; or

23 (2) a bona fide:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) religious organization;
2 (ii) fraternal organization;
3 (iii) civic organization;
4 (iv) war veterans' organization; [or]
5 (v) charitable organization; **OR**

6 **(VI) EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION.**

7 (c) (1) The permit shall state:

- 8 (i) the nature of any gaming device to be operated at the
9 gaming event; and
10 (ii) the frequency with which the gaming event will be
11 conducted.

12 (2) The county commissioners may charge a reasonable fee for a
13 permit.

14 **(D) AN ORGANIZATION MAY CONDUCT A BINGO GAME OR A RAFFLE**
15 **WITHOUT A PERMIT IF THE BINGO GAME OR RAFFLE:**

16 **(1) IS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS**
17 **TITLE;**

18 **(2) IS NOT A GAME OF INSTANT BINGO; AND**

19 **(3) DOES NOT USE PULL TAB TICKETS.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2009.