

HOUSE BILL 1313

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By: **Delegate Cardin**

Introduced and read first time: February 16, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Campaign Fundraising – Raffle Tickets – Limits**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum limit of the value of the raffle tickets that
4 an individual may purchase in connection with campaign fundraising activity
5 conducted by certain persons; prohibiting the use of cash to purchase raffle
6 tickets exceeding a certain value in connection with campaign fundraising
7 conducted by certain persons; and generally relating to limits on the purchase of
8 raffle tickets in connection with campaign fundraising activity.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Criminal Law
11 Section 12–106
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2002 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Criminal Law**

17 12–106.

18 (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, Subtitle 2 of
19 this title, or Title 13 of this article and except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
20 a bona fide charitable organization in this State may conduct a raffle for the exclusive
21 benefit of the charitable organization if the prize awarded is real property:

22 (i) to which the charitable organization holds title; or

23 (ii) for which the charitable organization has the ability to
24 convey title.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) A charitable organization may not conduct more than two raffles of
2 real property in a calendar year.

3 (3) The Secretary of State may adopt regulations governing a raffle of
4 real property by a charitable organization under this subsection.

5 (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article and except as
6 otherwise provided in this subsection, a political committee or candidate for public
7 office may conduct a raffle if the prizes awarded are money or merchandise.

8 (2) (i) The cost of a raffle ticket under this subsection may not
9 exceed \$5.

10 (ii) [An] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF**
11 **THIS PARAGRAPH, AN** individual may not purchase more than \$50 worth of tickets.

12 **(III) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY PURCHASE MORE THAN \$50**
13 **WORTH OF TICKETS BUT NOT MORE THAN \$100 WORTH OF TICKETS, PROVIDED**
14 **THE SALES TRANSACTION DOES NOT INCLUDE MORE THAN \$50 IN CASH.**

15 (3) This subsection does not relieve a political committee or candidate
16 from the reporting and record keeping requirements under the Election Law Article.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2009.