

HOUSE BILL 1313

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By: **Delegate Cardin**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Campaign Fundraising - Raffle Tickets and Cash Contributions - 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~~ altering the
9 maximum value of a single raffle ticket and the cumulative value of raffle
10 tickets that an individual may purchase in connection with campaign
11 fundraising activity conducted by certain persons; altering the maximum
12 amount of contributions a person may make in an election cycle in cash; and
13 generally relating to limits on cash contributions and the purchase of raffle
14 tickets in connection with campaign fundraising activity.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

16 Article – Criminal Law

17 Section 12–106

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2002 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article – Election Law

22 Section 13–226(b)

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

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.



(2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

12–106.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) (i) The cost of a raffle ticket under this subsection may not exceed ~~\$5~~ **\$10**.

(ii) ~~[An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, AN~~ individual may not purchase more than ~~\$50~~ **\$100** worth of tickets.

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

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

Article – Election Law

13–226.

1 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, a person may not, either directly
2 or indirectly, in an election cycle make:

3 (1) aggregate contributions in excess of:

4 (i) \$4,000 to any one campaign finance entity; or

5 (ii) \$10,000 to all campaign finance entities; or

6 (2) a contribution of money in excess of [\$100] **\$200** except by check
7 or credit card.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.