

SENATE BILL 34

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Harford County Senators**

Requested: October 29, 2008

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – War Veterans’ Organizations – Slot Machines**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing war veterans’ organizations in Harford County to own
4 and operate a certain number of slot machines for certain purposes and under
5 certain circumstances; requiring a certain war veterans’ organization to engage
6 an independent certified public accounting firm to conduct a certain audit;
7 requiring the firm by a certain date to provide a copy of the audit to the county
8 sheriff; and generally relating to slot machines in Harford County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article – Criminal Law

11 Section 12–304

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 12–304.

18 (a) In this section, “eligible organization” means:

19 **(1) IN CAROLINE COUNTY, CECIL COUNTY, DORCHESTER
20 COUNTY, KENT COUNTY, QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY, SOMERSET COUNTY,
21 TALBOT COUNTY, AND WICOMICO COUNTY:**

22 [(1)] (I) a nonprofit organization that:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [i] 1. has been located in a county listed in subsection (b) of
2 this section for at least 5 years before the organization applies for a license under
3 subsection (e) of this section; and

4 [ii] 2. is a bona fide:

5 [1.] A. fraternal organization;

6 [2.] B. religious organization; or

7 [3.] C. war veterans' organization; or

8 **[(2)] (II) EXCEPT IN HARFORD COUNTY**, a nonprofit organization
9 that has been affiliated with a national fraternal organization for less than 5 years
10 and has been located in a county listed in subsection (b) of this section for at least 50
11 years before the nonprofit organization applies for a license under subsection (e) of this
12 section; AND

13 (2) IN HARFORD COUNTY, A BONA FIDE WAR VETERANS'
14 ORGANIZATION.

15 (b) This section applies in:

16 (1) Caroline County;

17 (2) Cecil County;

18 (3) Dorchester County;

19 (4) HARFORD COUNTY;

20 [4] (5) Kent County;

21 [(5)] (6) Queen Anne's County:

22 [(6)] (7) Somerset County:

23 [(7)] (8) Talbot County: and

24 [8] (9) Wicomico County

25 (c) (1) In this subsection, a console or set of affixed slot machines is not
26 an individual slot machine.

4 (d) An eligible organization may not use or operate a slot machine unless:

(2) the eligible organization keeps an accurate record of the gross receipts and payoffs of the slot machine.

13 (2) (i) The county shall:

14 1. charge an annual fee of \$50 for each license for a
15 machine; and

16 2. issue a license sticker to the applicant.

17 (ii) The applicant shall place the sticker on the slot machine.

18 (iii) The proceeds of the annual fee shall be transferred to the
19 general fund of the county.

20 (3) In the application to the sheriff for a license, one of the principal
21 officers of the eligible organization shall certify under affidavit that the organization:

22 (i) is an eligible organization; and

23 (ii) will comply with this section.

24 (f) (1) A principal officer of the eligible organization may not intentionally
25 misrepresent a statement of fact on the application.

26 (2) A person who violates this subsection is guilty of perjury and on
27 conviction is subject to the penalty provided under Title 9, Subtitle 1 of this article.

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