

# HOUSE BILL 811

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Poker Events**

3 **PG 305–12**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain volunteer fire departments and certain  
5 organizations that promote the arts and preserve the culture in Prince George's  
6 County to hold events in which the public may play poker card games; limiting  
7 the number of poker events that may be held; requiring that a permit be  
8 obtained from the Prince George's County Department of Environmental  
9 Resources before a poker event may be held; specifying certain requirements  
10 that an applicant must meet to qualify for a permit; specifying the contents of  
11 an application for a permit; authorizing the Department to request from the  
12 Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of  
13 Public Safety and Correctional Services a State and national criminal history  
14 records check for individuals who are to participate in the management or  
15 operation of a poker event; specifying certain items that are to be part of the  
16 application; requiring the Central Repository to forward criminal history record  
17 information to certain persons; specifying how criminal history record  
18 information may be used; allowing certain individuals to work as volunteers at  
19 a poker event; specifying grounds for the denial of an application for a permit or  
20 the suspension or denial of a permit; requiring that a certain worker have  
21 government-issued photographic identification; allowing certain individuals to  
22 prepare quarterly and annual financial reports; requiring a permit holder to  
23 maintain a certain bank account for a certain purpose; requiring that certain  
24 documents be maintained for a certain number of years; requiring a permit  
25 holder to file certain reports with the Department; providing a certain fee to be  
26 charged for failure to meet a certain filing deadline; requiring the president of  
27 the permit holder to be responsible for filing certain reports under certain  
28 circumstances; specifying the purposes for which proceeds from a poker event  
29 may be used; prohibiting proceeds to be used for certain purposes; requiring a  
30 permit holder to maintain details of use of proceeds disbursements for at least a

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 certain number of years; specifying that the Department may issue permits  
2 under certain circumstances; specifying the period for which a permit is valid;  
3 allowing a permit to be renewed under certain circumstances; specifying that  
4 the conditions under which a permit for a poker event is issued shall be the  
5 same with certain exceptions that apply to a charitable gaming event permit  
6 under the Prince George's County Code; requiring the Department to adopt  
7 certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to poker  
8 events in Prince George's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Criminal Law  
11 Section 13–1902(a) and 13–1912(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Criminal Law  
16 Section 13–1912(b)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

19 BY adding to  
20 Article – Criminal Law  
21 Section 13–1913  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Criminal Law**

27 13–1902.

28 (a) This subtitle applies only in Prince George's County.

29 13–1912.

30 (a) In this section:

31 (1) “casino night” means a benefit performance at which:

32 (i) a card game, wheel of chance, or roulette is played; and

33 (ii) money winnings or tokens redeemable in money are  
34 awarded as prizes; but

1           (2) “casino night” does not include a benefit performance at which the  
2 only form of gaming is a wheel of fortune, big wheel, or other wheel of chance.

3           (b) (1) **[This] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 13-1913 OF THIS SUBTITLE,**  
4 **THIS** subtitle and Subtitle 2 of this title do not authorize casino nights in the county.

5           (2) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 13-1913 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A**  
6 person may not conduct a casino night in the county.

7 **13-1913.**

8           **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**  
9 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

10           (2) **“DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY**  
11 **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES.**

12           (3) **“PERMIT” MEANS A PERMIT TO HOLD A POKER EVENT.**

13           **(B) AN ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS**  
14 **SECTION MAY CONDUCT A POKER EVENT:**

15           (1) **THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; AND**

16           (2) **IN WHICH ONLY POKER CARD GAMES ARE PLAYED.**

17           **(C) BEFORE CONDUCTING A POKER EVENT, AN ORGANIZATION SHALL**  
18 **OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT.**

19           **(D) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PERMIT TO HOLD A POKER EVENT, AN**  
20 **ORGANIZATION SHALL BE:**

21           (1) **AN ORGANIZATION THAT:**

22           (I) **PROMOTES THE ARTS AND PRESERVES THE CULTURE;**

23           (II) **IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE**  
24 **INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; AND**

25           (III) **HAS OPERATED IN THE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS**  
26 **SINCE IT WAS INCORPORATED; OR**

27           (2) **A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT HAS OPERATED IN**  
28 **THE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS SINCE IT WAS INCORPORATED.**

1           **(E) AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT SHALL INCLUDE:**

2                   **(1) A LIST OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MANAGEMENT OR**  
3 **OPERATION OF THE POKER EVENT;**

4                   **(2) A COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S MOST RECENT INTERNAL**  
5 **REVENUE SERVICE FORM 990; AND**

6                   **(3) AN AUTHORIZATION BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE APPLICANT TO**  
7 **ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN**  
8 **INVESTIGATED OR EXAMINED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IN**  
9 **CONNECTION WITH CHARITABLE GAMING ACTIVITIES WITHIN 3 YEARS BEFORE**  
10 **THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED.**

11           **(F) (1) AN APPLICANT FOR A PERMIT SHALL APPLY TO THE**  
12 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF THE**  
13 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES FOR A STATE**  
14 **AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL**  
15 **WHO IS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MANAGEMENT OR OPERATION OF A POKER**  
16 **EVENT.**

17                   **(2) AS PART OF THE APPLICATION FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY**  
18 **RECORDS CHECK, THE APPLICANT FOR THE PERMIT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE**  
19 **CENTRAL REPOSITORY:**

20                           **(I) TWO COMPLETE SETS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL'S LEGIBLE**  
21 **FINGERPRINTS TAKEN ON FORMS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE**  
22 **CENTRAL REPOSITORY AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF**  
23 **INVESTIGATION;**

24                           **(II) THE FEE AUTHORIZED UNDER § 10-221(B)(7) OF THE**  
25 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE FOR ACCESS TO MARYLAND CRIMINAL**  
26 **HISTORY RECORDS; AND**

27                           **(III) THE MANDATORY PROCESSING FEE REQUIRED BY THE**  
28 **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY**  
29 **RECORDS CHECK.**

30                   **(3) IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE**  
31 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE, THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY SHALL FORWARD**  
32 **TO THE APPLICANT FOR THE PERMIT AND THE DEPARTMENT THE CRIMINAL**  
33 **HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION.**

1           **(4) INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY**  
2 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE:**

3                   **(I) CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY NOT BE REDISSEMINATED;**  
4 **AND**

5                   **(II) USED ONLY FOR THE GRANTING OF A PERMIT.**

6           **(G) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A BONA FIDE MEMBER OF THE**  
7 **QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION THAT HOLDS A POKER EVENT MAY WORK AS A**  
8 **VOLUNTEER IN THE OPERATION OF THE POKER EVENT IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS A**  
9 **MEMBER OF A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION AND IS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY A**  
10 **BONA FIDE MEMBER OF THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION.**

11           **(H) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DENY A PERMIT TO AN APPLICANT OR**  
12 **SUSPEND OR REVOKE A PERMIT IF:**

13                   **(1) THE APPLICANT OR PERMIT HOLDER VIOLATES A PROVISION**  
14 **OF THIS SECTION, A PROVISION OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CODE, OR A**  
15 **COUNTY REGULATION REGARDING THE OPERATION, MANAGEMENT, AND**  
16 **CONDUCT OF POKER EVENTS;**

17                   **(2) THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE REVOKES OR SUSPENDS**  
18 **THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF THE APPLICANT OR PERMIT HOLDER;**

19                   **(3) THE APPLICANT OR PERMIT HOLDER WILLFULLY AND**  
20 **KNOWINGLY PROVIDES FALSE INFORMATION IN ITS APPLICATION FOR A**  
21 **PERMIT; AND**

22                   **(4) THE APPLICANT OR PERMIT HOLDER HAS A MEMBER WHO IS**  
23 **TO PARTICIPATE OR PARTICIPATES IN THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION, OR**  
24 **CONDUCT OF POKER EVENTS AND WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF:**

25                   **(I) A FELONY; OR**

26                   **(II) A MISDEMEANOR INVOLVING FRAUD, THEFT, OR OTHER**  
27 **FINANCIAL CRIME WITHIN 5 YEARS BEFORE THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED.**

28           **(I) A PERMIT HOLDER:**

29                   **(1) MAY HOLD A POKER EVENT ONLY ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY;**  
30 **AND**

1           **(2)   MAY NOT HOLD MORE THAN ONE POKER EVENT PER MONTH.**

2           **(J)   WHEN PARTICIPATING IN THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION, OR**  
3 **CONDUCT OF A POKER EVENT, A WORKER SHALL HAVE IN THE WORKER'S**  
4 **POSSESSION A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT-ISSUED**  
5 **PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION.**

6           **(K)   AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION**  
7 **THAT HOLDS A POKER EVENT OR IS A MEMBER BUT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN**  
8 **THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION, OR CONDUCT OF A POKER EVENT MAY BE PAID**  
9 **A REASONABLE FEE TO PREPARE QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL**  
10 **REPORTS.**

11           **(L)   AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE MANAGEMENT,**  
12 **OPERATION, OR CONDUCT OF A POKER EVENT MAY NOT PARTICIPATE AS A**  
13 **PLAYER IN A POKER EVENT.**

14           **(M)   (1)   A PERMIT HOLDER SHALL:**

15                           **(I)   MAINTAIN A SEPARATE POKER EVENT BANK ACCOUNT;**  
16 **AND**

17                           **(II)  DEPOSIT ALL RECEIPTS FROM POKER EVENTS INTO THE**  
18 **ACCOUNT.**

19           **(2)   ALL POKER EVENT BANK ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING MONTHLY**  
20 **BANK STATEMENTS, CANCELED CHECKS, AND RECONCILIATIONS SHALL BE**  
21 **MAINTAINED FOR 3 YEARS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH**  
22 **THEY WERE ISSUED.**

23           **(3)   ALL RECEIPTS FROM EACH POKER EVENT SHALL BE**  
24 **DEPOSITED BY THE SECOND BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING EACH EVENT.**

25           **(N)   (1)   EACH PERMIT HOLDER SHALL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT**  
26 **AN ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BY MARCH 15.**

27                           **(2)   THE REPORT SHALL COVER THE ACTIVITY OCCURRING**  
28 **DURING THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.**

29           **(O)   A PERMIT HOLDER REALIZING GROSS GAMING RECEIPTS IN A**  
30 **CALENDAR QUARTER SHALL FILE A QUARTERLY REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND**  
31 **DISBURSEMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1           **(1) FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, BY JUNE 1;**  
2           **(2) FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, BY SEPTEMBER 1;**  
3           **(3) FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, BY DECEMBER 1;**  
4 **AND**  
5           **(4) FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1, BY MARCH 1.**

6           **(P) AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR A**  
7 **QUARTERLY REPORT IF THE PERMIT HOLDER HAS NO FURTHER POKER EVENT**  
8 **INCOME DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE REPORTING PERIOD AND THE**  
9 **ANNUAL REPORT IS FILED BY THE DUE DATE FOR THE APPLICABLE CALENDAR**  
10 **YEAR.**

11           **(Q) A PERMIT HOLDER THAT FAILS TO FILE A REQUIRED REPORT AND**  
12 **IS NOT GRANTED AN EXTENSION SHALL BE CHARGED \$25 PER DAY FROM THE**  
13 **DUE DATE UNTIL THE REQUIRED REPORT IS FILED.**

14           **(R) (1) A PERMIT HOLDER IN POSSESSION OF FUNDS DERIVED FROM**  
15 **POKER EVENTS, REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE FUNDS MAY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED**  
16 **OR WHETHER THE PERMIT HOLDER HAS A VALID PERMIT FROM THE**  
17 **DEPARTMENT, SHALL FILE AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ON OR BEFORE**  
18 **MARCH 15 OF EACH YEAR UNTIL THE FUNDS ARE DEPLETED.**

19           **(2) A PERMIT HOLDER THAT CEASES TO HOLD POKER EVENTS**  
20 **SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT THE NAME OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS**  
21 **RESPONSIBLE FOR FILING FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

22           **(3) IF THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF**  
23 **THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT PROVIDED, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PERMIT HOLDER**  
24 **SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FILING REPORTS UNTIL ALL POKER EVENT**  
25 **PROCEEDS ARE DEPLETED.**

26           **(S) (1) ALL PAYMENTS BY A PERMIT HOLDER INTENDED AS USE OF**  
27 **PROCEEDS SHALL BE MADE BY CHECK WRITTEN FROM THE PERMIT HOLDER'S**  
28 **POKER EVENT ACCOUNT.**

29           **(2) PROCEEDS FROM A POKER EVENT MAY BE USED FOR**  
30 **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS OR THE FUTURE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION,**  
31 **REMODELING, OR IMPROVEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OR THE ACQUISITION OF**

1 EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES TO BE USED TO ADVANCE THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF  
2 THE PERMIT HOLDER HOLDING THE POKER EVENT.

3 (3) PROCEEDS FROM A POKER EVENT MAY NOT BE USED FOR  
4 SOCIAL OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OR FOR EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, OR  
5 PROGRAMS THAT ARE PRIMARILY FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PERMIT HOLDER  
6 HOLDING THE POKER EVENT AND THEIR FAMILIES, UNLESS THE PERMIT  
7 HOLDER DEMONSTRATES TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE USE OF THE  
8 PROCEEDS WILL RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY WHERE  
9 THE PERMIT HOLDER IS LOCATED.

10 (4) PAYMENTS MADE TO OR ON BEHALF OF INDIGENT OR SICK OR  
11 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PERMIT HOLDER OR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES  
12 SHALL BE ALLOWED PROVIDED THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE PERMIT HOLDER'S  
13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE NEED IS DOCUMENTED.

14 (5) A PERMIT HOLDER SHALL MAINTAIN DETAILS OF ALL USE OF  
15 PROCEEDS DISBURSEMENTS FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS AND SHALL MAKE THIS  
16 INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT ON REQUEST.

17 (T) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
18 DEPARTMENT ON OR AFTER JULY 15, 2012, MAY ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE  
19 HOLDING OF POKER EVENTS.

20 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A PERMIT IF THE  
21 ISSUANCE WOULD CAUSE THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE PERMITS AT ANY TIME TO  
22 EXCEED 30.

23 (3) IF THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES MORE APPLICATIONS THAN  
24 AVAILABLE PERMITS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HOLD A LOTTERY TO SELECT  
25 THE PERMIT RECIPIENTS.

26 (U) A PERMIT:

27 (1) IS VALID FOR 6 MONTHS AFTER IT IS ISSUED; AND

28 (2) MAY BE RENEWED, UNLESS THE PERMIT HOLDER FAILS TO  
29 COMPLY WITH COUNTY LAW.

30 (V) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT  
31 THIS SECTION.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 July 1, 2012.