

Chapter 228

(House Bill 414)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Gaming Permits

FOR the purpose of repealing in Frederick County a certain limitation on the number of certain raffles that may be held on a single day; authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County to determine the number of permits to conduct a raffle that certain organizations in Frederick County may receive in a calendar year; and generally relating to raffles in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13–1304(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13–1304(f)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13–1304(f)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

13–1304.

(a) Before an organization listed in subsection (b) of this section may conduct a gaming event, the organization shall obtain a permit from the county agency that the county commissioners designate.

(b) An organization may conduct a gaming event for its own benefit if the organization is:

- (1) a bona fide:
 - (i) religious organization;
 - (ii) fraternal organization;
 - (iii) civic organization;
 - (iv) war veterans' organization;
 - (v) hospital;
 - (vi) amateur athletic organization;
 - (vii) patriotic organization;
 - (viii) educational organization; or
 - (ix) charitable organization;
- (2) a Frederick County volunteer:
 - (i) fire company;
 - (ii) rescue company; or
 - (iii) ambulance company; or
- (3) an auxiliary for a Frederick County volunteer:
 - (i) fire company;
 - (ii) rescue company; or
 - (iii) ambulance company.

(f) (2) During each calendar year, the holder of a gaming event, including a raffle for which the prize drawings are held on a single day, may not hold or receive the proceeds from[:

(i)] more than one gaming event in which the major prize has a value of more than \$5,000[; and

(ii) more than five raffles for which the prize drawings are held on a single day and in which the major prize has a value of \$5,000 or less].

(4) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY REGULATE THE NUMBER OF PERMITS TO CONDUCT A RAFFLE THAT AN ORGANIZATION MAY RECEIVE IN 1 CALENDAR YEAR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.