

SENATE BILL 275

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By: Carroll County Senators

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Carroll County – Gaming – Repeal of Sunday Prohibition

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the provision of law prohibiting in Carroll County the
4 issuance of a permit authorizing the operation of a card game, card tournament, or
5 casino event after a certain hour on Sunday; and generally relating to gaming in
6 Carroll County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Criminal Law

9 Section 13–906.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 Article – Criminal Law

15 13–906.1.

16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (2) “Casino event” includes the play of card games, dice games, and
18 roulette.

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.



6 (c) To qualify for a permit, an organization shall be a bona fide:

7 (1) amateur athletic organization;

8 (2) charitable organization;

9 (3) civic organization;

10 (4) fraternal organization;

11 (5) hospital;

12 (6) religious organization;

13 (7) volunteer fire company; or

14 (8) war veterans' organization.

15 (d) (1) A card game, card tournament, or casino event may be:

16 (i) managed and operated by the organization that is the permit
17 holder; or

(ii) managed by the organization that is the permit holder and
operated by another organization listed in subsection (c) of this section.

20 (2) (i) An operator of a card game, card tournament, or casino event
21 may not receive compensation.

(ii) To volunteer as an operator of a card game, card tournament, or casino event, an individual shall be at least 18 years old.

24 (iii) To participate in a card game, card tournament, or casino event,
25 an individual shall be at least 21 years old.

26 (e) (1) An organization that is the permit holder may receive not more than
27 four permits in a calendar year.

(2) A card game, card tournament, or casino event may not last longer than 24 consecutive hours.

(f) A permit is not transferable.

(g) (1) Proceeds from a card game, card tournament, or casino event conducted this section:

(i) shall be used to benefit a charity or to further the purpose of the
holder; and

(ii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, may not be used for the financial benefit or the personal use of an individual or a group of individuals.

(2) On approval of the Board of County Commissioners for Carroll County, funds may be used to benefit a family with medical needs.

(h) [A permit may not authorize the operation of a card game, card tournament, or event after 1 a.m. on Sunday.

(i)] (1) An organization that is the permit holder may charge only a preset entrance fee for a card game, card tournament, or casino event.

(2) Participants in a card game, card tournament, or casino event shall receive tokens for wagering in exchange for the entrance fee.

(3) A participant may purchase additional tokens, at a total cost not exceeding 100% of the entrance fee, during a card game, card tournament, or casino event.

(4) An organization that is the permit holder may not allow cash to be used
gering.

[j] (I) An organization that is the permit holder may not exchange tokens in wagering for:

(1) an item of merchandise that is worth more than \$10,000;

(2) money; or

(3) an item of merchandise having a value that is different from the fair net retail value of the item of merchandise that was received for the tokens.

[(k)] (J) Within 60 days after holding a card game, card tournament, or casino the organization that is the permit holder shall submit to the Board of County Commissioners for Carroll County:

(1) a financial report that lists the receipts and expenditures for the card card tournament, or casino event; and

5 [I] (K) In addition to being subject to § 13–909 of this subtitle, an organization
6 that is found to have violated this section is ineligible to receive a permit under this section
7 for a period of 5 years.

8 [(m)] (L) The Board of County Commissioners for Carroll County may adopt
9 regulations to carry out this section, including regulations to govern:

10 (1) the issuing of permits;

11 (2) permit fees; and

12 (3) the conduct and management of a card game, card tournament, or
13 casino event in a manner to prevent fraud and protect the public.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.
