

Chapter 185

(House Bill 575)

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Gaming Events – Repeal of Sunday Prohibition

FOR the purpose of repealing the provision of law prohibiting in Carroll County the issuance of a permit authorizing the operation of a gaming event after a certain hour on a Sunday; ~~making this Act an emergency measure~~; and generally relating to gaming in Carroll County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13–903
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

13–903.

- (a) Before an organization may conduct a gaming event, the organization shall obtain a permit from the county commissioners.
- (b) To conduct bingo or a gaming event an organization must be a bona fide:
 - (1) religious organization;
 - (2) fraternal organization;
 - (3) civic organization;
 - (4) war veterans' organization;
 - (5) hospital;
 - (6) amateur athletic organization;
 - (7) charitable organization; or
 - (8) volunteer fire company.

(c) (1) Before the county commissioners issue a permit, they shall determine whether the organization applying for the permit qualifies under this subtitle and the conditions of this subtitle are met.

(2) An application for a permit and the action taken by the county commissioners on that application are public records.

(d) (1) The permit shall state that the gaming event shall be managed and operated only by members of the organization holding the permit.

(2) A permit is not transferable.

(e) (1) A gaming event conducted under this section shall be conducted for the benefit of an organization listed in subsection (b) of this section.

(2) An individual or group of individuals may not benefit financially, or receive proceeds for personal use or benefit, from a gaming event conducted under this section.

(3) [A permit may not authorize the operation of a gaming event after 1 a.m. on Sunday.

(4) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iv) of this paragraph, an organization conducting a gaming event may award a money prize not exceeding \$100 or merchandise not exceeding \$100 of value to any individual in any one game.

(ii) The maximum amount of a prize awarded in a raffle is governed by § 13-904(c) of this subtitle.

(iii) The maximum amount of a prize awarded in a paddle wheel or wheel of fortune game is governed by § 13-905(a) of this subtitle.

(iv) The maximum amount of a prize awarded in bingo is governed by § 13-908 of this subtitle.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted shall take effect June 1, 2019.~~

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.