

# HOUSE BILL 575

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 258

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By: **Delegate Shoemaker**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Gaming Events – 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 gaming event after a certain hour  
5 on a Sunday; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to  
6 gaming in Carroll County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Criminal Law  
9 Section 13–903  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 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 13–903.

16 (a) Before an organization may conduct a gaming event, the organization shall  
17 obtain a permit from the county commissioners.

18 (b) To conduct bingo or a gaming event an organization must be a bona fide:

19 (1) religious organization;

20 (2) fraternal organization;

21 (3) civic organization;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) war veterans' organization;

2 (5) hospital;

3 (6) amateur athletic organization;

4 (7) charitable organization; or

5 (8) volunteer fire company.

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

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

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

13 (2) A permit is not transferable.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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