

SENATE BILL 258

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~~EMERGENCY BILL~~
ENROLLED BILL

(9lr1152)

— *Budget and Taxation / Ways and Means* —

Introduced by **Carroll County Senators**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

Proofreader.

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

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:

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 **Article – Criminal Law**

2 13–903.

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

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

6 (1) religious organization;

7 (2) fraternal organization;

8 (3) civic organization;

9 (4) war veterans' organization;

10 (5) hospital;

11 (6) amateur athletic organization;

12 (7) charitable organization; or

13 (8) volunteer fire company.

14 (c) (1) Before the county commissioners issue a permit, they shall determine
15 whether the organization applying for the permit qualifies under this subtitle and the
16 conditions of this subtitle are met.17 (2) An application for a permit and the action taken by the county
18 commissioners on that application are public records.19 (d) (1) The permit shall state that the gaming event shall be managed and
20 operated only by members of the organization holding the permit.

21 (2) A permit is not transferable.

22 (e) (1) A gaming event conducted under this section shall be conducted for the
23 benefit of an organization listed in subsection (b) of this section.24 (2) An individual or group of individuals may not benefit financially, or
25 receive proceeds for personal use or benefit, from a gaming event conducted under this
26 section.27 (3) [A permit may not authorize the operation of a gaming event after 1
28 a.m. on Sunday.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.