

HOUSE BILL 320

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HB 213/11 – W&M

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By: **Delegate Malone**
Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2012
Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Casino Events – Money Prizes**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition in Baltimore County against the offering
4 or awarding of a money prize to certain persons by a person who holds a casino
5 event that includes a card game or roulette; and generally relating to prizes for
6 casino events in Baltimore County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Criminal Law
9 Section 13–604
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 13–604.

16 (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, an organization may
17 conduct:

18 (1) one casino event that includes a card game during each calendar
19 month; and

20 (2) one casino event that includes roulette during each calendar year.

21 (b) To conduct a casino event under subsection (a) of this section, an
22 organization shall be a bona fide:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) religious organization;
- 2 (2) fraternal organization;
- 3 (3) civic organization, including:
 - 4 (i) a hunting organization;
 - 5 (ii) a social organization; or
 - 6 (iii) a sporting organization;
- 7 (4) volunteer fire company;
- 8 (5) war veterans' organization; or
- 9 (6) charitable organization.

10 (c) (1) A permit holder for a casino event that includes a card game or
11 roulette shall ensure that:

- 12 (i) the event is conducted in accordance with § 13-603(d)(3) of
13 this subtitle;
- 14 (ii) a parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of the organization
15 sponsoring the event has not sponsored a casino event within the calendar month; and
- 16 (iii) the casino event is conducted between 4 p.m. and 1 a.m.

17 (2) A person that holds a casino event that includes a card game or
18 roulette may not:

- 19 (i) [offer or award a money prize to a player of the card game or
20 roulette game;
- 21 (ii)] allow a player to bet more than \$10 in any one game within
22 the calendar month;
- 23 [(iii)] **(II)** exchange tokens used in wagering for an item of
24 merchandise that is worth more than \$1,000; or
- 25 [(iv)] **(III)** exchange merchandise that was received for tokens
26 that were used in wagering for:

- 27 1. money; or

1 2. an item of merchandise having a value that is
2 different from the fair retail market value of the item of merchandise that was
3 received for the tokens.

4 (3) (i) Within 60 days after holding a casino event that includes a
5 card game or roulette, the holder of the permit for the event shall submit to the
6 Department of Permits and Development Management a financial report that lists the
7 receipts and expenditures for the casino event.

8 (ii) Before the permit holder submits the report to the
9 Department of Permits and Development Management, the permit holder shall submit
10 the report to the county police department for review.

11 (d) (1) The Department of Permits and Development Management shall
12 adopt regulations to govern:

13 (i) the issuing of a permit to conduct a casino event; and

14 (ii) the conduct and management of a casino event in a manner
15 designed to prevent fraud and protect the public.

16 (2) The regulations shall require that a separate permit be issued for
17 each casino event to be conducted.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2012.