

three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 28, 1950.

CHAPTER 88

(House Bill 81)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement) title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", said new section to be known as Section 302 $\frac{3}{4}$ and to follow immediately after Section 302 $\frac{1}{2}$ of said Article, as said section was enacted by Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1949, making it lawful to hold or conduct carnivals, bazaars, bingo and other games or raffles by certain organizations of Carroll County, and providing for a referendum on this Act.

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire companies, fraternal, civic, war veterans and certain religious and charitable organizations, of Carroll County have for many years conducted games of bingo, carnivals, bazaars and raffles by and with the consent and support of the citizens of Carroll County; and

WHEREAS, said groups have, by the authorities of Carroll County, been notified that they will no longer be permitted to hold or conduct said games of bingo, carnivals, bazaars or raffles; and

WHEREAS, many of said groups or organizations are largely dependent upon the proceeds of such games, carnivals, bazaars or raffles for their support and for the continuation of their existence; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby declared that an acute emergency thereby exists in said County; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike-out indicates matter stricken out of bill.