

THAT ITS CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS AND APPLICABILITY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE RESULTS OF A REFERENDUM ELECTION IN WICOMICO COUNTY, TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION THEREIN IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1958.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 321A be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Gaming," to follow immediately after Section 321 thereof, and to read as follows:

*321A. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this sub-title the Sheriff of Wicomico County shall be authorized to issue a license to the following:*

*(1) A tax supported volunteer fire company or auxiliary unit of which the members thereof are directly associated with such fire company to conduct games of bingo, raffles, or a carnival awarding prizes by the use of paddle wheels, AT WHICH IT SHALL BE LAWFUL TO AWARD PRIZES IN CASH OR IN MERCHANDISE BY SUCH DEVICES AS ARE COMMONLY DESIGNATED AS PADDLE WHEELS, WHEELS OF FORTUNE, CHANCE BOOKS OR BINGO.*

*(2) A nationally chartered veterans' organization or auxiliary unit of which the members thereof are directly associated with such organization, and a bona fide religious group which has conducted religious services at a fixed location in Wicomico County for a period of at least three years prior to the application to the Sheriff, and a non-profit organization, desiring to raise money for an exclusively charitable, athletic or educational purpose specifically described on the application to the Sheriff, to conduct games of bingo and raffles AT WHICH PRIZES IN CASH OR MERCHANDISE ARE AWARDED.*

321A. CARNIVALS, RAFFLES AND BINGO IN WICOMICO COUNTY.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SUB-TITLE, THE SHERIFF OF WICOMICO COUNTY SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE LICENSES TO CONDUCT GAMES OF BINGO, RAFFLES AND FIRE COMPANY CARNIVALS, AT WHICH CARNIVALS IT SHALL BE LAWFUL TO AWARD PRIZES BY SUCH DEVICES AS ARE COMMONLY DESIGNATED AS PADDLE WHEELS, WHEELS OF FORTUNE, CHANCE BOOKS OR BINGO.

ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSES AS AFORESAID ARE LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A TAX SUPPORTED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR AUXILIARY UNIT OF WHICH THE MEMBERS THEREOF ARE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH FIRE COMPANY. TAX SUPPORTED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALL TYPES OF LICENSES HEREUNDER, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY A CARNIVAL LICENSE, AT WHICH ONLY ONE WHEEL FOR CASH PRIZES IS AUTHORIZED.