

CHAPTER 585

(House Bill 1140)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County - Gaming - Regulation

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing a provision authorizing certain bingo games in Washington County; providing a criminal penalty for illegal operation of certain gaming devices at certain locations;~~ prohibiting the Board of County Commissioners from issuing certain bingo permits after a certain date; protecting the right of certain persons or entities to continue conducting certain bingo games; providing for the application of this Act; making the provisions of this Act severable; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the regulation of bingo and gaming devices in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 255(a)(15) ~~and (b), (b), and (c)~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 255(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 259
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

255.

(a) The provisions of this section apply in the following counties:

(15) Washington County.

(b) (1) This subtitle may not be construed to make it unlawful for any volunteer fire company or bona fide fraternal, civic, war veterans', religious or charitable organization or corporation to conduct or hold a carnival, bazaar, or raffle for the