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10 **An Act concerning**

20 **Carroll County – Gaming**

30 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations in Carroll County to conduct certain card
40 games and casino games under certain circumstances; requiring an organization to obtain a permit
50 from the county commissioners before conducting games; specifying certain requirements for the
60 conduct of games and certain limits for wagers and prizes; requiring the county to adopt certain
70 regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to gaming in Carroll County.

80 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
90 Article – Criminal Law
100 Section 13–906
110 Annotated Code of Maryland

120 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, That the
130 Laws of Maryland read as follows:

140 **Article 13 – Gaming, Local Provisions**
150 §13–906.

160 (a) Notwithstanding § 13–903 of this subtitle, a person may not conduct a card game, dice game,
170 roulette, or casino night unless the person is:

180 (1) a senior center site council that conducts a card game under subsection (b) of this
190 section; **OR**

200 (2) **AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS GRANTED A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A**
210 **CARD GAME OR CASINO NIGHT UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS**
220 **SECTION.**

230 (b) Senior citizen site council games.-

240 (1) A senior center site council may conduct a card game in a senior center 5 days per
250 week, ~~excluding Sunday.~~

260 (2) A senior center site council may not:

270 (i) award a prize of money exceeding ~~\$5~~ **10** to a winner in each
280 session; and

290 (ii) charge a participant more than \$1 to play one session.

300 (3) All money that remains after prizes are awarded shall be distributed to the senior
310 center site council.

320 **(C)**

330 (1) **IN THIS SUBSECTION, “CASINO NIGHT” INCLUDES THE PLAY OF**
340 **CARD GAMES, DICE GAMES, AND ROULETTE.**

350 (2) **BEFORE AN ORGANIZATION MAY CONDUCT A CARD GAME OR**
360 **CASINO NIGHT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE ORGANIZATION SHALL**
370 **OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

380 (3) TO CONDUCT A CARD GAME OR CASINO NIGHT, AN ORGANIZATION
390 MUST BE A BONA FIDE:

400 (I) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION;

410 (II) FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION;

420 (III) CIVIC ORGANIZATION;

430 (IV) WAR VETERANS' ORGANIZATION;

440 (V) HOSPITAL;

450 (VI) AMATEUR ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION;

460 (VII) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION; OR

470 (VIII) VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.

480 (4) BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ISSUE A PERMIT, THEY
490 SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE ORGANIZATION APPLYING FOR
500 THE PERMIT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND THE CONDITIONS
510 OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE MET.

520 (5) THE PERMIT SHALL STATE THAT THE CARD GAME OR CASINO
530 NIGHT SHALL BE MANAGED AND OPERATED ONLY BY MEMBERS OF
540 THE ORGANIZATION HOLDING THE PERMIT.

550 (6) A PERMIT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

560 (7) AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT BENEFIT
570 FINANCIALLY, OR RECEIVE PROCEEDS FOR PERSONAL USE OR
580 BENEFIT, FROM A CARD GAME OR CASINO NIGHT CONDUCTED UNDER
590 THIS SECTION.

600 (8) A PERMIT HOLDER MAY NOT:

610 (I) AWARD A MONEY PRIZE GREATER THAN \$10 PER CARD
620 GAME;

630 (II) ALLOW A PLAYER TO BET MORE THAN \$10 IN ANY ONE
640 GAME;

650 (III) EXCHANGE TOKENS USED FOR WAGERING FOR MONEY OR
660 AN ITEM OF MERCHANDISE HAVING A VALUE THAT IS
670 DIFFERENT FROM THE FAIR MARKET RETAIL VALUE OF THE
680 ITEM OF MERCHANDISE THAT WAS RECEIVED FOR THE
690 TOKENS.

700 (9) THE COUNTY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO: GOVERN THE
710 ISSUANCE OF PERMITS; ESTABLISH A FEE FOR PERMITS; AND
720 REGULATE THE DESIGN AND MANNER IN WHICH GAMES ARE
730 CONDUCTED TO PREVENT FRAUD AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC.

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**(I) THE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE AGE RESTRICTIONS,
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND PRIZE AND WAGERING
LIMITATIONS.**

770 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

780 **MANDATES:**

790 Senator Larry Haines
800 Senator David Brinkley
810 Senator Allen Kittleman
820 Delegate Nancy Stocksdales
830 Delegate Donald Elliott
840 Delegate Tanya Shewell
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