

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2008 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-69-2008

Chapter No. 68

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Dernoga, Campos, Knotts, Olson & Turner

Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Campos, Knotts, Olson & Turner

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction October 21, 2008

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Benefit Performances

3 For the purpose of clarifying the number of charitable gaming events that may be held in a
4 location in any single week.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

7 Section 5-113,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2003 Edition, 2006 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Section 5-113 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 **SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.**

14 **DIVISION 2. BENEFIT PERFORMANCES.**

15 **Sec. 5-113. Permit conditions and regulations.**

16
17 (a) The permit shall be conditioned upon compliance with the following:

18 (1) All health, electrical, zoning, fire, and building laws and regulations;

19 (2) Except for charitable gaming events, operation shall be limited to between the
20 hours of 12:00 Noon and 11:00 P.M. on Sunday through Thursday, and between the hours of
21 12:00 Noon and 12:00 Midnight on Friday and Saturday, except as follows:

1 (A) Where the event takes place on land leased from a public agency upon which
2 a privately owned building or facility is operated for a recreational purpose on a commercial
3 basis, the hours of operation may be extended on Sunday through Thursday until 12:00 Midnight
4 and until 1:00 A.M. the following day for events held on Friday and Saturday provided there are
5 no occupied residences within 1,000 feet of the nearest ride, show, or game of the event.

6 (B) Where the event, including all associated activities under the permit, is held
7 within a wholly enclosed building, the hours of operation may be extended on Friday and
8 Saturday to 2:00 A.M. the following day.

9 (3) All charitable gaming event permits are subject to the following conditions:

10 (A) Not more than [two (2)] three (3) charitable gaming events shall be
11 conducted in any one (1) week by any one organization[, except that

12 (i) an eligible organization may conduct a third gaming event in a single
13 week in conjunction with a joint permittee];

14 (B) The hours of operation are limited as follows:

15 (i) 2:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. on Sunday;

16 (ii) 12 Noon to 11:00 P.M. on Monday through Thursday;

17 (iii) 12 Noon Friday to 2:00 A.M. Saturday; and

18 (iv) 12 Noon Saturday to 2:00 A.M. Sunday;

19 (C) Charitable gaming events may only be held at any premises owned or leased
20 exclusively by an organization which is eligible for a permit under Section 5-106, and no
21 charitable gaming location may operate more than five days per week.

22 (D) The manager or chief supervisor of all charitable gaming events shall be a
23 bona fide member of the group or organization for a minimum of three (3) years or a resident of
24 Prince George's County, Maryland;

25 (E) Dealers, workers, or supervisors shall not play as patrons at events they
26 work; and

27 (F) Only betting tokens or tickets that have been paid for by a patron with cash
28 shall be used in the conduct of charitable gaming events.

29 (4) The following activities are prohibited at charitable gaming events:

30 (A) Games involving dice;

31 (B) The use of credit cards;

1 (C) The use of checks and drafts for gaming;

2 (D) The cashing of checks and drafts by persons working at a charitable gaming
3 event; and

4 (E) The serving of complimentary alcoholic beverages.

5 (5) No person under 21 years old may be a patron or accompany any patron at a
6 charitable gaming event.

7 (6) The use of checks and drafts for gaming and the cashing of checks and drafts by
8 persons working at a charitable gaming event are prohibited.

9 (7) The benefit performance shall be managed and operated only by members of such
10 group or organization personally, except that employees of any professional carnival operation
11 may operate all rides and technical, mechanical, and electrical equipment and may operate
12 special equipment, such as popcorn, coffee, and candy machines.

13 (8) No person, association, corporation, or any other entity, other than a
14 governmental agency or other organization as defined by Section 5-106, shall lease, rent, or
15 receive any remuneration for any structure or premises to be used for a bingo operation other
16 than the premises described in Section 5-113(a)(2). This paragraph shall not apply to a carnival.

17 (9) No bingo games may be operated more than three (3) days a week at any one
18 facility or location, except for games operated as part of any one carnival or County fair which
19 games may be operated for up to a total of seventeen (17) days in any one year.
20

1 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45)
2 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2008.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Samuel H. Dean
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Jack B. Johnson
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.