

# SENATE BILL 430

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By: **Carroll County Senators**  
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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Gaming**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations in Carroll County to conduct a  
4 card game, card tournament, or casino night under certain circumstances;  
5 requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Board of License  
6 Commissioners before conducting a card game, card tournament, or casino  
7 night; requiring an organization that seeks a permit to meet certain  
8 requirements; specifying that a card game, card tournament, or casino night  
9 may be managed and organized by certain organizations; requiring an  
10 individual who participates in or helps operate a card game, card tournament,  
11 or casino night to be of a certain age; specifying that a permit holder may  
12 receive a certain maximum number of permits in a calendar year; providing a  
13 certain time limit on a card game, card tournament, or casino night; specifying  
14 that a permit is not transferable; requiring that proceeds from a card game,  
15 card tournament, or casino night be used for certain purposes and may not be  
16 used for other purposes; specifying that the operation of a card game, card  
17 tournament, or casino night may not occur during a certain time; authorizing a  
18 permit holder under this Act to charge only a pre-set entrance fee; requiring  
19 participants in a card game, card tournament, or casino night to use tokens and  
20 not cash for wagering under certain circumstances; prohibiting a permit holder  
21 from exchanging tokens under certain circumstances; requiring a permit holder  
22 to submit a financial report to the Sheriff's Office under certain circumstances;  
23 authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt certain regulations;  
24 providing a certain penalty; defining certain terms; and generally relating to  
25 gaming in Carroll County.

26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
27 Article – Criminal Law  
28 Section 13–906  
29 Annotated Code of Maryland  
30 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY adding to  
2 Article – Criminal Law  
3 Section 13–906.1  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Criminal Law**

9 13–906.

10 (a) Notwithstanding § 13–903 of this subtitle **AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED**  
11 **IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AND § 13–906.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE**, a  
12 person may not conduct a card game, dice game, roulette, or casino night [unless the  
13 person is a senior center site council that conducts a card game under subsection (b) of  
14 this section].

15 (b) (1) A senior center site council may conduct a card game in a senior  
16 center 5 days per week, excluding Sunday.

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

18 (i) award a prize of money exceeding \$5 to a winner in each  
19 session; and

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

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

23 **13–906.1.**

24 (A) (1) **IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**  
25 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

26 (2) **“CASINO NIGHT” INCLUDES THE PLAY OF CARD GAMES, DICE**  
27 **GAMES, AND ROULETTE.**

28 (3) **“PERMIT” MEANS A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A CARD GAME, CARD**  
29 **TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO NIGHT.**

1           **(B) BEFORE AN ORGANIZATION MAY CONDUCT A CARD GAME, CARD**  
2 **TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO NIGHT, THE ORGANIZATION SHALL OBTAIN A PERMIT**  
3 **FROM THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY.**

4           **(C) TO QUALIFY FOR A PERMIT, AN ORGANIZATION SHALL BE A BONA**  
5 **FIDE:**

6                   **(1) AMATEUR ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION;**

7                   **(2) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION;**

8                   **(3) CIVIC ORGANIZATION;**

9                   **(4) FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION;**

10                  **(5) HOSPITAL;**

11                  **(6) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION;**

12                  **(7) VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY; OR**

13                  **(8) WAR VETERANS' ORGANIZATION.**

14           **(D) (1) A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO NIGHT MAY**  
15 **BE:**

16                           **(I) MANAGED AND OPERATED BY THE ORGANIZATION THAT**  
17 **IS THE PERMIT HOLDER; OR**

18                           **(II) MANAGED BY THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PERMIT**  
19 **HOLDER AND OPERATED BY ANOTHER ORGANIZATION LISTED IN SUBSECTION**  
20 **(C) OF THIS SECTION.**

21                   **(2) TO PARTICIPATE IN OR HELP OPERATE A CARD GAME, CARD**  
22 **TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO NIGHT, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS**  
23 **OLD.**

24           **(E) (1) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY**  
25 **RECEIVE NOT MORE THAN FOUR PERMITS IN A CALENDAR YEAR.**

26                   **(2) A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO NIGHT MAY**  
27 **NOT LAST LONGER THAN 24 CONSECUTIVE HOURS.**

1           **(F) A PERMIT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.**

2           **(G) PROCEEDS FROM A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO**  
3 **NIGHT CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION:**

4                   **(1) SHALL BE USED TO BENEFIT A CHARITY OR TO FURTHER THE**  
5 **PURPOSE OF THE PERMIT HOLDER; AND**

6                   **(2) MAY NOT BENEFIT FINANCIALLY OR BE USED FOR THE**  
7 **PERSONAL USE OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS.**

8           **(H) A PERMIT MAY NOT AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF A CARD GAME,**  
9 **CARD TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO NIGHT AFTER 1 A.M. ON SUNDAY.**

10           **(I) (1) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY**  
11 **CHARGE ONLY A PRE-SET ENTRANCE FEE FOR A CARD GAME, CARD**  
12 **TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO NIGHT.**

13                   **(2) PARTICIPANTS IN A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR**  
14 **CASINO NIGHT SHALL RECEIVE TOKENS FOR WAGERING IN EXCHANGE FOR THE**  
15 **ENTRANCE FEE.**

16                   **(3) A PARTICIPANT MAY PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TOKENS DURING**  
17 **A CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO NIGHT, NOT EXCEEDING 100%**  
18 **OF THE ENTRANCE FEE.**

19                   **(4) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY NOT**  
20 **ALLOW CASH TO BE USED FOR WAGERING.**

21           **(J) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY NOT:**

22                   **(1) EXCHANGE TOKENS USED IN WAGERING FOR AN ITEM OF**  
23 **MERCHANDISE THAT IS WORTH MORE THAN \$10,000; OR**

24                   **(2) EXCHANGE TOKENS USED FOR WAGERING FOR MONEY OR AN**  
25 **ITEM OF MERCHANDISE HAVING A VALUE THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE FAIR**  
26 **MARKET RETAIL VALUE OF THE ITEM OF MERCHANDISE THAT WAS RECEIVED**  
27 **FOR THE TOKENS.**

28           **(K) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER HOLDING A CARD GAME, CARD**  
29 **TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO NIGHT, THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PERMIT**  
30 **HOLDER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE A**

1 FINANCIAL REPORT THAT LISTS THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE  
2 CARD GAME, CARD TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO NIGHT.

3 (L) IN ADDITION TO BEING SUBJECT TO § 13-909 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN  
4 ORGANIZATION THAT IS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THIS SECTION IS  
5 INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A PERIOD NOT  
6 EXCEEDING 5 YEARS.

7 (M) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY  
8 MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, INCLUDING  
9 REGULATIONS TO GOVERN:

10 (1) THE ISSUING OF PERMITS;

11 (2) PERMIT FEES; AND

12 (3) THE CONDUCT AND MANAGEMENT OF A CARD GAME, CARD  
13 TOURNAMENT, OR CASINO NIGHT IN A MANNER TO PREVENT FRAUD AND  
14 PROTECT THE PUBLIC.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2013.