

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful Seal. for all incorporated bodies in this state, which are not by law authorized to make a common seal, to make one and to use the same in all acts where it is necessary by law to use the same.

CHAPTER 232.

AN ACT taxing or licensing certain Dealers in Lottery Tickets and others.

The policy of the state on the subject of dealers in lotteries, has vacillated within the last few years, and its regulations are scattered through the acts of many sessions, and not unfrequently come in collision with the provisions of earlier enactments, and yet contain no repealing clause. It is proper that the responsibility of rejecting those earlier provisions and giving a construction to the several acts operating upon this branch of the public police, should be thrown on the Judiciary. The following laws are the only ones relating to lottery dealers, 1826, ch. 67, 251; 1827, ch. 160; 1828, ch. 129; 1829, ch. 188; 1831, ch. 79.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whomsoever, to open, set up, exercise or keep by himself or themselves, or by any other person or persons, any office or other place for selling any ticket or tickets, or for registering the number or numbers of any ticket or tickets in any public or private lottery authorized or not authorized by any law of this state or any other state or country, or for registering the numbers or number of any ticket or tickets in any other lotteries, and whether authorized by any law, or any other state or country or not, or by writing, printing, or otherwise to publish the setting up, opening or using any such office or offices or other place, without having first obtained a license from the county court where such person or persons shall reside; and if such person or persons shall reside in the city of Baltimore, then from the city court of Baltimore. Shall obtain a license.

By 1831, ch. 79, sec. 1, commissioners of lotteries are empowered to grant licenses to vend tickets in foreign or domestic lotteries.

SEC. 2. See preceding note.

SEC. 3. See 1826, ch. 251, sec. 1.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the several county courts and of Baltimore city court, to give this act in charge to their respective grand juries. This act to be given in charge.

CHAPTER 240.

AN ACT to repeal part of an Act therein mentioned.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all such parts of the act of assembly passed at September session, seventeen hundred and twenty-three, chapter fifteen, which directs punishment of negro or other slaves by cropping the ear, be and the same is hereby repealed. Repeal.