

defined the word "emergency" in such a situation as this to mean "a sudden, unexpected and unforeseen condition . . . of such public gravity and exigency as to require . . . action" forthwith. *Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission v. Buckley*, 197 Md. 203, 210-211; see also, *Funk v. Mullan Contracting Co.*, 197 Md. 192, 198-199.

The necessity of legislation to legalize such activities at carnivals in Wicomico County cannot be a matter of recent origin. General prohibitory laws against gambling are of long standing in this State, although in recent years a number of exceptions have been made by local legislation enacted in 90 day sessions. If such activities have been conducted previously in Wicomico County, they have been without legal authority. The need for funds for volunteer fire departments is likewise a long-standing situation, recurring annually. No actual acute emergency can be found to exist because through enforcement of existing law or otherwise, these companies are required to look for their support to sources presently sanctioned by law after having failed over a period of years to seek an exception to the general gambling laws which would authorize the practices set forth in this Bill.

Respectfully,

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#### House Bill No. 156—Port Authority

AN ACT to add a new Article to the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), to be numbered 62B, title "Maryland Port Authority", to follow immediately after Article 62A, creating a body politic and corporate and an instrumentality of the State of Maryland to be known as the "Maryland Port Authority" and defining its members and its powers and duties; providing for the acquisition by the Authority of certain existing port facilities of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, for the construction of port facilities, and for the maintenance, repair and operation thereof; granting to the Authority power under certain conditions to acquire necessary real and personal property and to exercise the power of eminent domain; providing for the issuance of special obligation bonds of the Authority in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000), payable from the proceeds of the tax on the net income of certain corporations under Section 283 (D-2) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland as enacted by this Act, and for the issuance of revenue bonds of the Authority, payable solely from rentals and other revenues of the Authority; providing for the application of such tax on the net income of certain corporations to the payment of such special obligation bonds and to the cost of maintenance, repair and operation of such port facilities and to the administrative expenses of the Authority; authorizing the issuance of revenue refunding bonds; prescribing the powers and duties of the Authority in connection with the foregoing and the rights and remedies of the holders of bonds issued under the provisions of said Article 62B; providing penalties for a violation of the provisions of said Article 62B and of any rule or regulation lawfully adopted or promulgated by the Authority; to add Section 283 (D-2) to Article 81 of said