

Commission. The proceeds of the tax shall be expended by the Commission for the acquisition, maintenance, development, and operation of the park systems in the counties, as well as the debt service required by its outstanding bonds or bonds issued in the future. The Commission shall expend or disburse that proportion of said tax collected from Montgomery County within Montgomery County and that proportion collected from Prince George's County within Prince George's County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 20, 1961.

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## CHAPTER 266

(Senate Bill 208)

AN ACT to add a new Section 251A to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", to follow immediately after Section 251 thereof, authorizing the conduct and operation of games of bingo in Worcester County, providing for the appointment of a Board to administer this law, specifying the powers and duties of this Board and relating generally to the playing of bingo in Worcester County; ~~making this Act effective on June 1, 1961, but providing that its continued effectiveness and applicability shall be contingent upon the results of a referendum election in Worcester County to be held in conjunction with the regular Congressional election therein in the month of November 1962.~~ AND SUBMITTING THIS ACT TO A REFERENDUM OF THE VOTERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Section 251A be and the same is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", to follow immediately after Section 251 thereof, and to read as follows:

*251A. Bingo in Worcester County*

(a) *Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to make it unlawful for (1) any local unit of a nation-wide bona fide non-profit organization or club composed solely of members who served in the Armed Forces of the United States; (2) a bona fide religious group which has conducted religious services at a fixed location in Worcester County for a period of at least six years prior to the application to the Worcester County Bingo Board; (3) a non-profit organization desiring to raise money for an exclusively charitable or educational purpose specifically described in the application to the Worcester County Bingo Board (to qualify as such, a non-profit organization must have been operating as such in Worcester County for a period*