

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1964.

Approved April 30, 1963.

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CHAPTER 590

(Senate Bill 424)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19(5) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Licenses", sub-title "Pinball Machines and Console Machines", repealing as to Wicomico County AND AT DIFFERENT TIMES the authority for the licensing and operation of certain free play pinball machines and free play console machines, ~~and relating generally to the terms and conditions under which~~ PROVIDING THAT such machines are hereafter illegal in Wicomico County, AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN AMUSEMENT DEVICES IN WICOMICO COUNTY MAY LEGALLY BE LICENSED AND OPERATED AND FOR THE MANNER AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH LICENSING AND OPERATION.

WHEREAS, By Chapter 366 of the Acts of 1959 the Maryland General Assembly provided for the licensing and regulation of pinball machines and console machines in Wicomico County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Wicomico County, the Chief of Police for the City of Salisbury and the State's Attorney for Wicomico County have issued a signed statement to the press, radio and television media of Wicomico County stating that it is their feeling that the passage of the bill four years ago has greatly hampered the enforcement of the anti-gambling statutes in that evidence of pay-offs for "free games" is almost short of impossible to obtain; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff and State's Attorney of Wicomico County and the Chief of Police of Salisbury have recommended to the legislative delegation in Annapolis that legislation be introduced for the complete abolition of pinball machines and console machines in that County; ~~now, therefore~~ AND

WHEREAS, THERE ARE SOME AMUSEMENT DEVICES IN THE COUNTY WHICH ARE NOT CONSIDERED GAMBLING DEVICES AND WHICH MAY BE ALLOWED; NOW THEREFORE

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 19(5) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Licenses", sub-title "Pinball Machines and Console Machines", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(5) The provisions of this section shall only apply to Dorchester, Talbot, Baltimore, ~~and~~ Harford ~~and~~ Wicomico counties and Balti-