

"Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Gaming," to follow immediately after Section 264A thereof, and to be under the new sub-heading "Slot Machines," defining the term "Slot Machines," and providing that it shall be unlawful to locate, possess, keep, maintain or operate such machines within this State, providing certain exceptions as to those counties and municipalities wherein such machines were licensed prior to the effective date of this Act, and providing, as to such counties and municipalities, a limitation upon the maximum number of such machines that may be located, possessed, kept, maintained or operated in any place of business, or in any building, or upon any premises, and further providing for the gradual and eventual total abolition by July 1, ~~1966~~ 1968, of all slot machines within this State, making non-compliance with the provisions of this Act a misdemeanor, and relating generally to slot machines and to their location, possession, keeping, maintenance or operation within this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 264B be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1962 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Gaming," to follow immediately after Section 264A thereof, and to be under the new sub-heading "Slot Machines," and to read as follows:

#### SLOT MACHINES

##### 264B.

*Any machine, apparatus or device is a slot machine within the provisions of this section if it is one that is adapted for use in such a way that, as a result of the insertion or deposit therein, or placing with another person of any piece of money, coin, token or other object, such machine, apparatus or device is caused to operate or may be operated, and by reason of any element of chance or of other outcome of such operation unpredictable by him, the user may receive or become entitled to receive any piece of money, coin, token or other object representative of and convertible into money, irrespective of whether the said machine, apparatus or device may, apart from any element of chance or unpredictable outcome of such operation, also sell, deliver or present some merchandise or money or other tangible thing of value.*

*I. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to locate, possess, keep, maintain or operate any slot machine within this State, whether as owner, lessor, lessee, licensor, licensee, or otherwise, except as provided in paragraph II hereof.*

*II. In those counties and municipalities of this State wherein the County Commissioners or municipal authorities thereof, prior to the effective date of this Act, licensed such slot machines for operation therein,*

*(A) After July 1, ~~1963~~ 1965, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to conduct any place of business wherein is located or kept, other than in a building or upon any premises used solely for storage, a number of slot machines in excess of the maximum numbers hereinafter set forth, and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to possess, keep or maintain, other than in a building or upon any premises used solely for storage, or operate within any one*