

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1992 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 6-209

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1977 Volume and 1992 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

246A.

(a) [It] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 6-209 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, IT shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to bet, [wage] WAGER or gamble at or to keep, conduct, maintain or operate any game of chance, gaming table or coin-operated gambling machine or device upon any vessel upon any of the waters within the State of Maryland, or upon any pier, wharf, building or other structure of any kind whatsoever which is built upon or over any of the waters of this State and which pier, wharf, building or other structure cannot be entered from the shore of the State of Maryland by a person on foot, and it shall further be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to establish, keep, rent, use or occupy, or knowingly suffer to be established, kept, rented, used or occupied, any vessel upon any of the waters of the State of Maryland, or any pier, wharf, building or other structure of any kind whatsoever which is built upon or over any of the waters of this State and which cannot be entered from the shore of the State of Maryland by a person on foot, for the purpose of conducting, maintaining or operating any game of chance, gaming table or coin-operated gambling machine or device. This section shall prevail despite the issue of any form of license or permit granted through or by any county, municipal corporation or other political subdivision of this State. Any person, firm, association or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.), or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.), or imprisonment not to exceed one year for each such violation or may be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the doing of any act which is otherwise prohibited by law.

Article – Transportation

6-209.

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY PERMIT GAMING ABOARD A PASSENGER CRUISE VESSEL IF:

(1) THE VESSEL HAS OVERNIGHT CABIN ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AT LEAST 300 PASSENGERS;