

9(57B).

*For purposes of county taxation in Prince George's County only, and in the discretion of the County Executive and County Council, so directing, THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY, BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE, PROVIDE FOR THE EXEMPTION OF real property, title to which is held by nonprofit community civic associations or corporations, which property is dedicated by appropriate plat or deed restrictions to the use of the lot owners within the community, and which use is not contingent upon the payment of dues to the association or corporation or upon the payment of fees or other compensation in return for admission to or use of the property. As used in this paragraph, "dues" and "fees or other compensation" do not include assessments exacted and employed by the association solely for the improvement or maintenance of the roads, property, or other facilities of the community.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 26, 1972.

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CHAPTER 493

(House Bill 161)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 369A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Lotteries" to exempt NON-FRANCHISE retail merchants IN FREDERICK AND CARROLL COUNTIES from the provisions of this Section under certain circumstances DEFINING A FRANCHISE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, AND PROVIDING FOR A STATEMENT OF POLICY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 369A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Lotteries," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:*

369A.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND WHILE PROVIDING FOR AN EXCEPTION IN CERTAIN COUNTIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE PROHIBITIONS OF THIS SECTION, FINDS THAT FRANCHISE RETAIL MERCHANTS AS CONTRASTED WITH NON-FRANCHISE RETAIL MERCHANTS HAVE OFTEN IN THE PAST BEEN COERCED BY THEIR FRANCHISING SUPPLIERS INTO THE UTILIZATION OF THE GAMES, CONTESTS, LOTTERY OR OTHER SCHEMES OR DEVICES SUBSEQUENTLY PROHIBITED BY THE ENACTMENT OF THIS SECTION,