

over his or their signatures to the sheriff of such county, or if any officer of police in the city of Baltimore, or any two or more householders in said city, shall state in writing over his or their signatures, to the Board of Police Commissioners or to the Marshal of Police for said city, that there are good grounds for believing, and shall set forth in such statement the grounds of such belief, that any building, house, vessel or place within such county or city is used as a gaming house, or as a gaming room, or as gaming premises for playing therein, or thereat, for wagers or sums of money at any game of chance, or if the sheriff of any county, or the Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Baltimore, shall believe that any building, house, vessel or place, or any part of any building, house, vessel or place within their respective counties, or in said city of Baltimore is so used, it shall be lawful for said respective sheriffs to authorize any one or more deputy sheriffs by them respectively appointed or to be appointed, and for said Board of Police Commissioners for Baltimore city, to authorize the Marshal of Police or the Deputy Marshal of Police for said city, and such additional police force as may be necessary, to enter the said premises so used in whole or in part for gaming purposes within their respective jurisdictions, and to forthwith arrest and prosecute all persons there found offending against any of the provisions of this article, and to seize all the implements of gaming there found, and to close up and keep closed any building or house, or part of any building or house which may be found to be so unlawfully used as aforesaid, until otherwise directed by some competent court having jurisdiction in the premises.

Used as gaming house.

Lawful.

To enter premises.

Close up.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 14, 1880.