

dollars (\$1,200), said sum to be paid in monthly installments of one hundred dollars (\$100), payable on the first day of each calendar month.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 7, 1947.

CHAPTER 921.

(House Bill 824)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Licenses", to be under a new sub-title "Pinball Machines", said new section to be known as Section 23A and to follow immediately after Section 23 of said Article, providing for the licensing of pinball machines.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Licenses", to be under a new sub-title "Pinball Machines", said new section to be known as Section 23A, to follow immediately after Section 23 of said Article, and to read as follows:

PINBALL MACHINES

23A. (1) No free play pin ball machines, as hereinafter defined, or any free play console machine, as hereinafter defined, which shall be operated or played by the insertion of a coin or token, shall be kept, maintained or operated for the purpose of public entertainment or gain within the State of Maryland, unless a license has been previously obtained for each such machine from the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county in which said machine is to be operated or maintained. Any person, partnership, firm or corporation applying for such license, shall pay therefor the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars per annum for each free play pin ball machine, as hereinafter defined, and the sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per annum