

## GAMBLING BILLS

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

SENATE BILL 336

SENATE BILL 438

HOUSE BILL 820

## CHARLES COUNTY

SENATE BILL 334

## FREDERICK COUNTY

HOUSE BILL 892

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HOUSE BILL 762

## ST. MARY'S COUNTY

SENATE BILL 276

HOUSE BILL 548

## WORCESTER COUNTY

HOUSE BILL 396

HOUSE BILL 398

The General Assembly passed ten bills relating to gambling and the distribution of county revenues from gambling in six different counties, these bills, authorizing as they do, slot machines and games of skill and chance, the making of bets and wagers, and even, in one case, the operation of pari-mutuel machines for bets on midget automobile racing. This legislation indicates a marked growth in the effort to spread gambling in various forms over the State. Instead, however, of proposing any change in the existing State policy, these bills propose to extend gambling, in some instances by election districts and in others, county by county, with the revenues going either to the county or to some educational, charitable, fraternal or benevolent purpose in the county. I believe that the total of these proposals proves that it is unwise for the State to permit such matters to be handled on a county level entirely. The State has an interest in such matters which cannot be avoided or ignored. If gambling is to be authorized county by county it will not be long before the entire State will be a haven and a paradise for gamblers and