

## CHAPTER 483.

AN ACT to add a sub-title entitled "Gaming," and including seven new sections, numbered Sections 243-A, 243-B, 243-C, 243-D, 243-E, 243-F and 243-G, to Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Montgomery County," the purpose of this Act being to define and prohibit the offense of gaming; to prohibit the keeping or maintaining of a gaming house; to define gambling paraphernalia, declare the possession thereof unlawful, and to provide for the forfeiture and disposition of such gambling paraphernalia upon conviction of the owner or possessor thereof; to declare all violators of this Act principals and require them to testify against other principals; to provide a procedure for the searching of premises alleged to be used for purposes forbidden by this sub-title and the seizure of gambling paraphernalia; to provide for the particularity with which indictments of violators of this sub-title shall be drawn; to provide penalties for the violation of this Act; to repeal any parts of Sections 214 to 229, inclusive, of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Gaming," inconsistent with this Act applicable to **Montgomery County** to the extent of such inconsistency; to repeal all laws inconsistent with this Act to the extent of such inconsistency; and to declare this Act an emergency Act effective from the date of passage.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That seven additional sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Montgomery County," said seven additional sections to be designated by the sub-title "Gaming," and to follow Section 243 of Article 16 of the Code of Public Laws of Maryland, title "Montgomery County," as the said Article was amended and re-enacted by Chapter 790 of the Laws of Maryland of 1912 and Acts amendatory thereof, said seven additional sections to be known as Sections 243-A, 243-B, 243-C, 243-D, 243-E, 243-F and 243-G, and to read as follows:

SEC. 243-A. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, or any house, company, or association or body corporate, to play at any game of chance for any sum of money or other property of any value in **Montgomery County**, which said Act