

chandise and other things of value by auction or voting or by such mechanical devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels, wheels of fortune, bingo, or other similar methods, and with or without an entrance or participation charge or fee; nothing herein contained, however, to be construed as to permit or authorize the awarding of prizes in money, or to reward the winner or winners or other participants in any such game or auction in money or tokens redeemable in money or any merchandise the value of which exceeds Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). Provided, that before operating any such benefit performance, any such group or organization shall first obtain from the County Commissioners of Prince George's County a written permit therefor, and, provided further, that such benefit performance is managed and operated only by members of such group or organization personally. Any person, company, association or corporation operating, or attempting to operate any such benefit performance in violation hereof, shall, upon conviction of such violation, be subject to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisonment in jail for a period of not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

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 upon by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of 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 31, 1939.

CHAPTER 645.

(House Bill 826)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 558, 570, 575 and 576 of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables", sub-heading "Juvenile Court", Section 558 having been amended by Chapter 432 of the Acts of 1937, eliminating the jurisdiction of said Court to determine civil actions and cases for the violation of the criminal laws of the State and/or county and violations of the ordinances of the City of Hagerstown except as hereinafter provided.