

CHAPTER 625

(House Bill 677)

AN ACT to add a new section to the Anne Arundel County Code (1947 Edition), being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Licenses", said new section to be known as Section 390A and to follow immediately after Section 390 of said Code, relating to the authority of the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County to examine all applicants for licenses authorized to be issued under this sub-title and the places where said businesses or events are to be operated and to authorize said commissioners to appoint a person or persons to exercise said powers in their stead.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to the Anne Arundel County Code (1947 Edition), being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Licenses", said new section to be known as Section 390A and to follow immediately after Section 390 of said Code, and to read as follows:

390A. The Board of County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County, or the person or persons appointed by said Board for this purpose, shall examine all applicants for licenses issued under the authority of Sections 383 to 390, inclusive, of this Article (including Bingo) and shall examine all places in which said proposed licensed event or business is to be operated. The said Board of County Commissioners in its discretion shall have the power to appoint a person or persons to exercise the authority conferred on said Board by this section. If the Board or person or persons appointed by said Board for this purpose find that the applicant is not a fit person to receive the license applied for or that the operation of the business, if the license is granted, will unduly disturb the peace of the residents of the neighborhood in which the place of business is to be located or that the operation of the proposed business or event will constitute a nuisance, then the application shall be disapproved and the license applied for shall be refused. The approval of all licenses (including Bingo) issued under the provisions of Sections 383 to 390 of this Article by the Board of County Commissioners or the person or persons appointed by said Board for this purpose, shall be a prerequisite to the issuance or re-issuance of any such license by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County. The decision of the Board of County Commissioners or the person or persons appointed