

providing for a referendum thereon at a special election to be held in said County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That five new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Charles County," sub-title "County Commissioners," said new sections to be known as Sections 84C-84G, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 84B of said Article, as said Section 84B was amended by Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1936 (Special Session), and to read as follows:

84C. (a). Nothing contained in Article 27, Sections 288 to 307, inclusive, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Gaming," shall be construed as prohibiting, penalizing or making unlawful the keeping, maintenance, operation or distribution for operation, in Charles County, by any person or firm, on and after July 1, 1949, of any mechanical or electrical amusement devices which require the insertion of a coin or token for their operation and which offer an award to the operator based in whole or in part upon chance or his skill, provided that said mechanical or electrical amusement devices or machines are licensed by the person or firm who owns or operates the premises upon which said amusement devices are maintained for the use of the public as hereinafter provided in this sub-title. Provided, however, that any bona fide charitable or veterans' organization and any bona fide fire company may own and operate not more than five such devices for which no license fee shall be required where all the proceeds of such devices are devoted to the exclusive benefit of such organization or company and such devices are maintained solely in the club room or regular meeting place of such organization or company. And provided further, that any bona fide religious or volunteer fireman's organization may operate on not more than two dates in any calendar year up to ten such devices at any carnival or social where the proceeds of such devices are devoted to the exclusive benefit of such organizations.

(b). No person or firm shall be granted a license hereunder unless such person or persons comprising the firm are shown affirmatively to be bona fide property owners on July 1, 1949, or are registered voters in said County.

84D. (a). Any person or firm who owns or operates, whether as owner, lessee or licensee, the premises upon