

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 6, 1949.

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CHAPTER 753

(House Bill 670)

AN ACT to add eight new sections to the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1943 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Licenses", to be under a new sub-title "Amusement Devices", said new sections to be known as Sections 951A-951H and to follow immediately after Section 951 of said Code, relating to the licensing of coin operated mechanical or electrical amusement devices or machines in Prince George's County and 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 eight new sections be and they are hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1943 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Licenses", to be under a new sub-title "Amusement Devices", said new sections to be known as Sections 951A-951H and to follow immediately after Section 951 of said Code, and all to read as follows:

951A. 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, for public use in Prince George's County, by any person or partnership, on and after this sub-title becomes effective, 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 player based in whole or in part upon chance or skill, provided that the necessary licenses as provided in this sub-title are pro-