

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That every one who shall permit any gaming table, prohibited by this act, to be kept in any house over which he or she, has the occupancy or control, either as owner, tenant or tempory occupant, shall be deemed guilty of keeping a gaming table within the meaning of this act. CHAP. 190.
Deemed guilty of keeping a gaming table.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall be liberally construed, as a remedical law, and not strictly as a penal law. To be liberally construed.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That all fines and forfeitures under this act, shall be recovered in the name of the state, before a single justice of the peace as small debts are now recovered, and the proceedings shall in all respects be similar to those for the recovery of small debts, with the same right of appeal either on the part of the State, or the part of the defendant. To be recovered in name of the state.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That all fines recovered under this act, shall go one half to the state, and the other half to the informer, and the informers shall be a competent witness without releasing his interest in the penalty. One half to the state and the other to the informer.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted,* That no proceedings under this act shall be quashed, nor shall any judgment for a fine under the same, be reversed by reason of any error in stating who was informer, or any other matter of form, but the proceedings in every case, may be amended at any stage of them, either before the justice of the peace, or before the county court on appeal, so as to bring the real merits of the case to trial, and ascertain whether there has been a violation of this act, by the party accused. Proceedings are not to be quashed.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted,* That the fines under this act may be recovered as hereinbefore provided or by indictment in the county court or city court of Baltimore, and it is further enacted, that all acts of Assembly heretofore passed, for the purpose of suppressing gaming, be and the same are hereby repealed. Fines recovered by indictment.
Repealed.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of all constables to visit all the places within their respective districts, cities, or counties, where it is suspected gaming tables are kept, and give in information of all violations of this act to the next county court of their respective counties, or the city court of Baltimore, where the violations occur in said city. Constables to visit places.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted,* That the several county courts, and the city court of Baltimore, shall give this act in charge to the grand jury of each county court or city court, to be held hereafter, and no person who has or may have bet at any gaming table, shall be excused from testifying under this act, but whenever it may be necessary to County courts to give it in charge.