

MECHANICAL OR ELECTRICAL, AMUSEMENT DEVICES EXCEPT CLAW MACHINES AND PINBALL MACHINES, WHICH REQUIRE THE INSERTION OF A COIN OR TOKEN FOR THEIR OPERATION AND WHICH OFFER AN AWARD OTHER THAN FREE PLAYS TO THE PLAYER, BASED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, UPON CHANCE OR SKILL.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to the Prince George's County Code (1943 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Gaming", said new section to be known as Section 609A, to follow immediately after Section 609 of said Article, and to read as follows:

609A. *It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to have or possess, at any place of business or other place open to the public generally, in Prince George's County, any slot machine, console machine, claw machine, pinball machine or any other mechanical device which is capable of being used for gambling purposes. Any person found having or possessing any of the above mentioned machines or devices shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,* OTHER PLACE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC GENERALLY OR AT ANY CLUB, IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, ANY UPRIGHT SIDE LEVER OPERATED SLOT MACHINE, COMMONLY CALLED THE "ONE-ARMED BANDIT", MECHANICAL OR ELECTRICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES EXCEPT CLAW MACHINES AND PINBALL MACHINES, WHICH REQUIRE THE INSERTION OF A COIN OR TOKEN FOR THEIR OPERATION AND WHICH OFFER AN AWARD OTHER THAN FREE PLAYS TO THE PLAYER, BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, UPON CHANCE OR SKILL. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND *upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each such machine or device so had or possessed and, in addition, each such machine or device shall be confiscated and destroyed.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect ~~June 1, 1951,~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 1951.

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