

## CHAPTER 18

(House Bill 57)

AN ACT to add new Section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", to follow immediately after Section 246 of said Article and sub-title, and to be known as Section 246A, making it unlawful to bet, wage or gamble at, or to conduct, maintain or operate games of chance or certain gaming devices upon any vessel upon the waters of the State of Maryland, or upon any pier, wharf, building or other structure which is built upon or over any waters of the State of Maryland and which cannot be entered from the Maryland shore by a person on foot, repealing all existing laws inconsistent herewith and providing penalties for any violations hereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Gaming", said new section to follow immediately after Section 246 thereof, and to be known as Section 246A, and to read as follows:

246A. (a) *It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to bet, wage or gamble at or to keep, conduct, maintain or operate any game of chance, gaming table or coin operated gambling machine or device upon any vessel upon any of the waters within the State of Maryland, or upon any pier, wharf, building or other structure of any kind whatsoever which is built upon or over any of the waters of this State and which pier, wharf, building or other structure cannot be entered from the shore of the State of Maryland by a person on foot, and it shall further be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to establish, keep, rent, use or occupy, or knowingly suffer to be established, kept, rented, used or occupied, any vessel upon any of the waters of the State of Maryland, or any pier, wharf, building or other structure of any kind whatsoever which is built upon or over any of the waters of this State and which cannot be entered from the shore of the State of Maryland by a person on foot, for the purpose of conducting, maintaining or operating any game of chance, gaming table or coin operated gambling machine or device. This Section shall prevail despite the issue of any form of license or permit granted through or by any county, municipal corporation or other political subdivision of this State. Any person, firm, association or corporation 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 less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.), or more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.), or imprisonment not to exceed one year for each such violation or may be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.*

(b) *Nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize the doing of any act which is otherwise prohibited by law.*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.