

Commissioners", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

84C. (a) Nothing contained in Article 27, Sections [288] 237 to [307] 264, inclusive, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 [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, [firm or corporation, 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 [and] 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, [firm or corporation] 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 firemen's organization may operate on not more than two dates in any calendar year up to ten such devices without license 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 in Charles County on January 1, 1951, or are registered voters in said County. No corporation shall be granted a license hereunder unless all officers, directors, and the holders of 90% of the stock of such corporation are shown affirmatively to have been individual property owners in Charles County on January 1, 1951, or shall be registered voters in said County.]

*(b) No person shall be granted a license hereunder unless such person is shown affirmatively to be a bona fide property owner in Charles County for at least five years prior to such application and a registered voter in Charles County for at least five years prior to such application. No such license shall be issued to any corporation.*

(B) NO PERSON OR FIRM SHALL BE GRANTED A LICENSE OR RENEWAL OF LICENSE HEREUNDER UNLESS SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS COMPRISING THE FIRM ARE SHOWN AFFIRMATIVELY TO HAVE BEEN BONA FIDE RESIDENTS OF CHARLES COUNTY FOR TWO YEARS PRIOR TO SUCH APPLICATION AND ARE REGISTERED VOTERS IN SAID COUNTY. NO CORPORATION SHALL BE GRANTED A LICENSE OR RENEWAL OF LICENSE HEREUNDER UNLESS ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS ARE SHOWN AFFIRMATIVELY TO HAVE BEEN BONA FIDE RESIDENTS OF CHARLES COUNTY FOR TWO YEARS PRIOR TO SUCH APPLICATION AND ARE REGISTERED VOTERS IN SAID COUNTY.