

a premium, merchandise or tokens or an award other than free plays; making it unlawful to have an interest in or be concerned in such devices or machines under certain conditions or knowingly permitting such devices or machines in certain places under certain conditions; making it unlawful to pay or give any cash, a premium, merchandise, token, pay-off or award other than free plays to a player of such devices or machines under certain conditions; providing penalties for violations of provisions of said Section and special provisions for enforcement thereof; providing for seizure, forfeiture and destruction of such machines and devices and money, coins and tokens, under certain conditions; providing for the closing and restriction of use of certain premises by the Circuit Court under certain conditions; providing special provisions for prima facie evidentiary proof of violation thereof; relating generally to certain mechanical or electrical coin or otherwise operated devices or machines and the possession, use, operation and management thereof in specified places in Prince George's County under specified conditions; and providing further for the repeal of all public general or public local laws inconsistent with this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 699A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1953 Edition being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Gaming", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

699A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful for any person at any place of business or other place open to the public generally or at any Club, in Prince George's County, to keep, maintain, set up, have, possess, operate or manage, any mechanical or electrical coin operated device or machine, which is operated by means of the insertion of a coin, token, or similar object, *or any mechanical or electrical device or machine which is operated without the insertion of a coin, token or similar object*, whether the same be commonly known as a "pinball machine" or "console machine" or any other machine requiring *or not requiring* the insertion of a coin, token or similar object for its operation, and which, based in whole or in part upon chance or skill, entitles the person playing or operating such device or machine to receive cash, a premium, merchandise or tokens or offers an award other than free plays to the player, or by reason of the obtaining of certain scores or combinations of numbers from the operation thereof there is paid or given to the player any cash, a premium, merchandise, token or award; and it shall be unlawful for any person, at any place of business or other place open to the public generally or at any Club, in Prince George's County, to have an interest in or be concerned as owner, lessor, lessee, licensor, licensee, principal, agent, collector, clerk or in any other manner, directly or indirectly, in keeping, maintaining, setting up, having, possessing, operating or managing, any mechanical or electrical coin operated device or machine, which is operated by means of the insertion of a coin, token or similar object, *or any mechanical or electrical device or machine which is operated without the insertion of a coin, token or similar object*, whether the same be commonly known as a "pinball machine" or "console machine" or any other machine requiring *or not requiring* the insertion