

invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved May 6, 1963.

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CHAPTER 897

(Senate Bill 474)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 12-13 of the Anne Arundel County Code (1957 Edition, being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Chapter 12. Licenses", to transfer the authority vested in the Anne Arundel County Commissioners to examine and approve applicants for certain amusement and other licenses and to examine licensed premises in the county to the ~~Police Department of Anne Arundel County~~, NEW BOARD OF AMUSEMENT LICENSE COMMISSIONERS, CREATED HEREIN, and relating to the exercise and effect of such authority.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 12-13 of the Anne Arundel County Code (1957 Edition, being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Chapter 12. Licenses", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

12-13.

The ~~board of county commissioners, or the person or persons appointed by such board for this purpose,~~ *Police Department of Anne Arundel County* shall examine all applicants for licenses issued under the authority of this chapter, and shall examine all places in which such proposed licensed event or business is to be operated. ~~The board of county commissioners, in its discretion, shall have the power to appoint a person or persons to exercise the authority conferred on the board by this section.~~ If the ~~board or person or persons appointed by the board for this purpose find that the~~ applicant is not a fit person to receive the license applied for or ~~that~~ the operation of the business, if the license is granted, will unduly disturb the peace of the residents of the neighborhood in which the place of business is to be located or ~~that~~ the operation of the proposed business or event will constitute a nuisance, then the application shall be disapproved and the license applied for shall be refused. The approval of all licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter by the ~~board of county commissioners or the person or persons appointed by the board for this purpose,~~ *Police Department* shall be a prerequisite to the issuance or reissuance of any such license by the clerk of the circuit court of the county. The decision of the ~~board of county commissioners or the person or persons appointed for this purpose~~ *Police Department* as to approval or disapproval of any application for such a license shall be subject to review by the circuit court of the county and may be either approved, reversed or modified. The circuit court's decision as to approval, re-