

CHAPTER 670  
(Senate Bill 340)

AN ACT to add new Sections 159, 159A, 159B, 159C, 159D and 159E to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," to follow immediately after Section 158 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Outdoor Musical Festivals," to provide for the issuance of permits, license and license taxes for outdoor musical festivals IN CERTAIN COUNTIES and providing penalties for the violation thereof, AND RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN RELATION THERETO.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 159, 159A, 159B, 159C, 159D and 159E be and they are hereby added to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," to follow immediately after Section 158 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Outdoor Musical Festivals," and to read as follows:

*Outdoor Musical Festivals*

159.

(a) "*Outdoor musical festival*" means any group or group of persons participating in musical entertainment in open spaces and not in a permanent structure. AND NOT ON PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY.

(b) "*Promoter*" means the organizer, operator, producer, or the person or persons, or corporation staging the outdoor musical festival; and the owner, tenant, ~~and~~ OR lessee of the land upon which the outdoor musical festival is performed. THE TERM SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

(c) "*Spectator*" means a MEMBER OF A gathering of 1,000 or more persons who ~~pay a consideration~~ ARE IN ATTENDANCE for the purpose of viewing and/or hearing the outdoor musical festival.

159A.

(a) *No promoter shall hold or conduct any outdoor musical festival where spectators will be present without first obtaining permits from the State Board of Health, or its successor, DEPUTY STATE HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY and the Superintendent of the State Police.*

(b) *The State Board of Health shall not issue a permit A PERMIT SHALL NOT BE ISSUED until the following provisions are met:*

(1) *The promoters post case bond in the amount of AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE HEALTH OFFICER NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000, and*

(2) *The promoters establish adequate sanitation, MEDICAL and health facilities that are in accordance with the rules and regula-*