

IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING ONE YEAR OR BOTH.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

CHAPTER 380

(House Bill 10)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County - Games and Contests by
Retail Establishments

FOR the purpose of including Baltimore County among those counties which are exempt from certain prohibitions against giving away of prizes by certain retail merchants.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 369A (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 369A(b) of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

369A.

(b) (1) No retail establishment regulated or licensed pursuant to the provisions contained in Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland may use any game, contests, lottery or other scheme or device, whereby a person or persons may receive gifts, prizes or gratuities as determined by chance for the purpose of promoting, furthering or advertising the sale of any product or service of whatsoever nature or kind. The fact that no purchase is required in order to participate in the game, contest, lottery or scheme does not exclude the game, contest, lottery or scheme from the provisions of this section.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be