

CHAPTER 208

(Senate Bill 468)

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County - Coin-Operated Amusement Devices

FOR the purpose of abolishing the 6-month license provision for operating a coin-operated amusement device; specifying that each licensed machine or device shall have a permanent and visible stamp showing that the license fee has been paid to replace the less specific provision for a certain metal tag or other device; specifying that the stamp may not be transferred from one machine to another; providing that the sheriff of Garrett County is responsible for enforcing the provisions of this section; and clarifying language; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses

Section 20B

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1972 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

20B.

(a) (1) Every person, firm, association or corporation, keeping, maintaining or operating for public entertainment or amusement within Garrett County, any claw machine, pinball machine (console or other), shuffleboard, mechanical bowling game, or any similar device for public amusement, whose operation requires the insertion of a coin or token, and the result of whose operation depends in whole or in part, upon the skill of the operator, whether or not it affords an award to a successful operator, shall obtain a license from the clerk of the Circuit Court of Garrett County to do so [the]. THE annual license fee shall be \$30 for each machine or device. All annual licenses shall expire on the thirtieth day of April in each year.

(2) [Any person, firm, association or corporation operating, for 6 months or less during a year, a machine required to be licensed under this section may be issued a 6 month license. The fee for a 6 month license shall be \$15 for each machine or device. A 6 month license shall expire 6 months from the date of issue.