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Senate Bill No. 293

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County - Palm Readers - Licensing

FOR the purpose of altering the licensing fee for persons carrying on the business or practice of palmistry and certain related businesses and practices in Dorchester County; and establishing certain conditions for the issuance of this license.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Dorchester County
Section 15-1
Article 10 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1974 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 10 - Dorchester County

15-1.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to carry on the business of or to practice the craft of palmistry, fortune telling, spiritualism, clairvoyance and phrenology or the like, within Dorchester County, State of Maryland, unless each and every such person or persons shall first obtain from the clerk of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, Maryland, a license or licenses to carry on such business or practice such craft in said county, for which they shall pay to the clerk of said court the sum of [one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)] \$250 for each year or a fraction thereof, for the use of the said Dorchester County and they shall pay to the clerk of said court a further sum of fifty cents (50¢) as his fee for issuing same[.]. THE CLERK SHALL ISSUE THE LICENSE ONLY ON PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN A RESIDENT, TAXPAYER, AND PROPERTY OWNER OF DORCHESTER COUNTY FOR AT LEAST 18 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION FOR THE LICENSE. [such] THE license IS to be issued in the name of the person or persons applying, and to be issued to run from the first day of May of the year in which issued, to and including the 30th day of April in the succeeding year; provided that no license shall be issued to any person professing to be a "faith healer" or the like; and provided further, that this prohibition is not deemed to include Christian Science practitioners.

(b) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction