

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

264B.

Any machine, apparatus or device is a slot machine within the provisions of this section if it is one that is adapted for use in such a way that, as a result of the insertion or deposit therein, or placing with another person of any piece of money, coin, token or other object, such machine, apparatus or device is caused to operate or may be operated, and by reason of any element of chance or of other outcome of such operation unpredictable by him, the user may receive or become entitled to receive any piece of money, coin, token or other object representative of and convertible into money, irrespective of whether the said machine, apparatus or device may, apart from any element of chance or unpredictable outcome of such operation, also sell, deliver or present some merchandise or money or other tangible thing of value.

I. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to locate, possess, keep, maintain or operate any slot machine within this State, whether as owner, lessor, lessee, licensor, licensee, or otherwise, except as provided in [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS II [and paragraph], VI, AND VII of this section.

II. In those counties and municipalities of this State wherein the county commissioners or municipal authorities thereof, prior to July 1, 1963, licensed such slot machines for operation therein,

(A) After July 1, 1965, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to conduct any place of business wherein is located or kept, other than in a building or upon any premises used solely for storage, a number of slot machines in excess of the maximum numbers hereinafter set forth, and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to possess, keep or maintain, other than in a building or upon any premises used solely for storage, or operate within any one building, or upon any premises, as hereinafter defined, a number of slot machines in excess of the following maximum numbers of such machines:

(1) At any time after July 1, 1963, a number equal to the number located, kept, possessed, maintained or operated in such place of business, building or premises as of March 1, 1963.

(2) At any time after July 1, 1965, a number equal to the number located, kept, possessed, maintained or operated in such place of business, building or premises as of January 1, 1963, or thirty (30) machines, whichever shall be the lesser number.

(3) At any time after July 1, 1966, a number equal to the number located, kept, possessed, maintained or operated in such place of business, building or premises as of January 1, 1963, or twenty (20) machines, whichever shall be the lesser number.