

SUBTITLE 3. SLOT MACHINES.

12-301. "SLOT MACHINE" DEFINED.

IN THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) "SLOT MACHINE" MEANS A MACHINE, APPARATUS, OR DEVICE THAT:

(I) OPERATES OR CAN BE MADE TO OPERATE BY INSERTING, DEPOSITING, OR PLACING WITH ANOTHER PERSON MONEY, A TOKEN, OR ANOTHER OBJECT; AND

(II) THROUGH THE ELEMENT OF CHANCE OR ANY OTHER OUTCOME UNPREDICTABLE BY THE USER, AWARDS THE USER:

1. MONEY, A TOKEN, OR OTHER OBJECT THAT REPRESENTS OR THAT CAN BE CONVERTED INTO MONEY; OR

2. THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE MONEY, A TOKEN, OR ANOTHER OBJECT THAT REPRESENTS AND CAN BE CONVERTED INTO MONEY; AND

(2) "SLOT MACHINE" INCLUDES:

(I) A MACHINE, APPARATUS, OR DEVICE DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION THAT ALSO SELLS, DELIVERS, OR AWARDS MERCHANDISE, MONEY, OR SOME OTHER TANGIBLE THING OF VALUE; AND

(II) A PINBALL MACHINE OR CONSOLE MACHINE THAT PAYS OFF IN MERCHANDISE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the introductory paragraph of former Art. 27, § 264B, as it defined a slot machine.

The introductory language of this section is revised in standard language used to introduce a definition section.

Throughout this section, the term "money" is substituted for the former terms "coin" and "piece of money" for brevity and consistency within this article.

The former reference to a machine "that is adapted for use in such a way" is deleted as surplusage.

In item (1)(ii)1 of this section, the phrase "that represents or that can be converted into money" is substituted for the former phrase "representative of and convertible into money" to reflect the construction of the latter phrase of former Art. 27, § 264B by the Court of Appeals in *Clerk of Circuit Court for Calvert County v. Chesapeake Beach Park, Inc.*, 251 Md. 657 (1968).

In item (1)(ii)2 of this section, the reference to an object "that represents" money is substituted for the former reference to an object that is "representative of" money for clarity.