

SENATE BILL 274

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By: **Senator Ready**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Coin Operated Games – Repeal of Licensing Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain licensing requirements for certain coin operated
4 games in Carroll County; and generally relating to coin operated games in Carroll
5 County.

6 BY repealing

7 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County

8 Section 6–102

9 Article 7 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

10 (2014 Edition and February 2017 Supplement, as amended)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article 7 – Carroll County**

14 **[6–102.**

15 (a) (1) In this section, “coin operated game” means an amusement device that
16 is operated or activated by coins or tokens.

17 (2) “Coin operated game” includes:

18 (i) a bowling machine;

19 (ii) an electronic game;

20 (iii) a pinball machine;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iv) a video game; or

2 (v) other similar device.

3 (3) "Coin operated game" does not include:

4 (i) a machine that pays out coins or tokens; or

5 (ii) a bona fide vending machine that does not include amusement
6 feaures.

7 (b) After a public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners may adopt
8 ordinances or regulations concerning:

9 (1) coin operated game licensing;

10 (2) license fee setting;

11 (3) license issuing procedures;

12 (4) license application procedures;

13 (5) license display requirements;

14 (6) late fee renewal provisions;

15 (7) prorated fee schedules; and

16 (8) other administrative provisions as determined by the Commissioners.

17 (c) (1) Before keeping, maintaining, or operating a coin operated game for
18 public entertainment in Carroll County, a person, corporation, or other entity shall obtain
19 the appropriate license from the Board of County Commissioners.

20 (2) A license issued under this section expires on April 30 in each year,
21 regardless of date of issuance.

22 (3) A license issued under this section is transferable.

23 (4) License fees collected under this section shall be paid to the County
24 Commissioners and credited to the general funds of the County.

25 (d) (1) A person, corporation, or other entity who keeps, maintains, or operates
26 a coin operated game in violation of this section, or in violation of a regulation issued under
27 this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding
28 \$1,000.

1 (2) In addition to the monetary penalty provided in paragraph (1) of this
2 subsection, a person convicted for violation of this section may be imprisoned in the Carroll
3 County jail for a term not exceeding 60 days.]

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2018.