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By: **Charles County Delegation**

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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County - Palm Readers, Fortune Tellers, and Soothsayers -**  
3 **Licensing**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing certain licensing requirements for palm readers,  
5 fortune tellers, soothsayers, and other similar persons in Charles County; and  
6 generally relating to the licensing of palm readers, fortune tellers, and  
7 soothsayers in Charles County.

8 BY repealing  
9 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions  
10 Section 11-402  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

16 [11-402.

17 Notwithstanding any other sections of the Business Regulation Article, in  
18 Charles County any palm reader, fortune-teller, soothsayer, or similar person shall  
19 apply to the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County for a license to carry  
20 on business. The license shall be issued by the Board only upon proof that the person  
21 has been a resident, taxpayer, and property owner of Charles County for at least 18  
22 months prior to the application for the license. The annual fee for the license shall be

1 \$250, and the license shall be issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court and may be  
2 revoked by the Board for good cause.]

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2002.