

CHAPTER 21.

AN ACT authorizing the Governor to declare successive legal holidays, during the period of the present war, whenever he deems that the public interests so require, and declaring the effect thereof.

WHEREAS, It is possible that exigencies or emergencies incident to the present war may make it necessary or desirable that successive legal holidays be declared throughout the State of Maryland, or in one or more counties, cities, towns or villages thereof; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of this State is hereby authorized, during the period of the present war, whenever he deems that the public interests so require, to declare, by proclamation to that effect, successive legal holidays throughout the State, or in any one or more counties, cities, towns or villages thereof, such successive legal holidays to extend over such period of time as the exigency or emergency calling for the same shall, in the judgment of the Governor, require.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That such days so proclaimed shall, in the locality or localities in which the same are proclaimed, be legal holidays, and shall be duly observed therein as such, and shall for all purposes whatsoever as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance and the protesting and giving notice of dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts and promissory notes, be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and all such bills, drafts, checks and notes presentable for payment or acceptance on such days, or any of them, shall be deemed presentable on the secular or business day following the last day so named in such proclamation.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the mem-