

Day"; the 22nd day of February, known as "Washington's Birthday"; the 25th day of March, known as "Maryland Day"; "Good Friday"; the first Monday in September, commonly called "Labor Day"; the 30th day of May, commonly called "Decoration Day"; the 4th day of July, called "Independence Day"; the 12th day of September, known as "Defenders' Day"; the 12th day of October, known as "Columbus Day"; the 25th day of December, called "Christmas Day"; and all days of general and congressional elections throughout the State and all special days that may be appointed or recommended by the Governor of this State, or the President of the United States, as days of thanksgiving or fasting and prayer, or other religious observance, or for the general cessation of business, shall be regarded as legal holidays, and shall be duly observed as such, and shall for all purposes whatsoever as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance and of the protesting and giving notice of dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts and promissory notes, to be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and all such bills, drafts, checks and notes presented for payment or acceptance on these said days, shall be deemed to be presented for acceptance or payment on the secular or business day next succeeding such holiday. The Governor of this State shall have the power by proclamation to appoint a day or days for the general cessation of business in any one or more of the political sub-divisions of the State, in case of emergency from fire, flood or otherwise, with the same legal consequences as hereinabove provided.

SEC. 2. *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 health and safety, and being passed upon a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 18, 1936.

CHAPTER 3.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Licenses," to be under new sub-title to be known as