

after Section 69 of said Article, relating to transactions of banks and trust companies on Saturday afternoon after twelve o'clock noon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Banks & Trust Companies," sub-title "General Regulations," said new section to be known as Section 69A, to follow immediately after Section 69 of said Article, and to read as follows:

69A. Nothing in any law of this State shall in any manner whatsoever affect the validity of, or render void or voidable, the payment, certification or acceptance of a check or other negotiable instrument or any other transaction by a bank or trust company in this State, because done or performed on any Saturday between twelve o'clock noon and midnight, provided that such action be during the customary business hours of said bank and that said bank is actually open for business and provided such payment, certification, acceptance, or other transaction would be valid if done or performed before twelve o'clock noon on such Saturday; provided further, that nothing herein shall be construed to compel any bank or trust company in this State, which by law or custom is entitled to close at twelve o'clock noon on any Saturday, to keep open for the transaction of business or to perform any of the acts or transactions aforesaid, on any Saturday after such hour except at its own option.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 17, 1931.

CHAPTER 153.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 449 of Article 16 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Montgomery County," sub-title "Roads," as said section and Article were edited by Horace E. Flack and legalized by Chapter No. 193 of the Acts of the General Assem-