

retail of merchandise within Baltimore City on Sunday; and to authorize and empower the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to prescribe the conditions and regulations under which amusements, entertainments or games may be shown, held or played, or merchandise sold; and to provide for penalties for violations; and to provide that no ordinance passed in the exercise of the grant of power shall take effect until it has been approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the City of Baltimore voting thereon, and to provide that Sections 483, 484 and 485 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Sabbath Breaking," shall be repealed in so far as said sections prohibit amusements, entertainments or games, and the sale at retail of merchandise in the City of Baltimore on Sunday; and to provide for the time when and the conditions under which such repeal shall take effect.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That notwithstanding any provision of any Public General or Public Local Law, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in furtherance of the principle of Home Rule and for the purpose of promoting a reasonable and proper observance of Sunday, shall have full power and authority to prohibit, permit or regulate from time to time by ordinance or ordinances, amusements, entertainments or games to be held, shown or played for recreation or profit, and the sale at retail of any article or articles of merchandise within Baltimore City on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday; and shall have full power and authority to prescribe the conditions or regulations under which said amusements, entertainments or games may be shown, held or played or said article or articles of merchandise may be sold; and shall have full power and authority to provide penalties for the violation of any such ordinance, condition or regulation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That no ordinance passed in the exercise of the grant of power contained in the preceding Section 1 of this Act shall take effect until it has first been submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Baltimore at either a general or special election, State or municipal, and has been approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon. And the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is hereby authorized and empowered to determine the time, place and manner for the submission of any such ordinance to the