

## CHAPTER 283.

(Senate Bill 153)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 13 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes", sub-title "Legal Holidays", said new section to be known as Section 11 and to follow immediately after Section 10 of said Article, declaring Saturdays after twelve o'clock noon to be legal half-holidays.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 13 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes", sub-title "Legal Holidays", said new section to be known as Section 11, to follow immediately after Section 10 of said Article, and to read as follows:

11. It shall be lawful for banks and bankers in the State of Maryland to close their doors for business at twelve o'clock noon on each and every Saturday in the year, and every Saturday in the year after twelve o'clock noon, shall, for all purposes whatever, so far as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance and the protesting and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts, promissory notes and other negotiable paper, be a legal half-holiday, and shall be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and all such bills, checks, drafts and notes, which, on their face, or under any existing law shall be payable or presentable for acceptance or payment on any half-holiday Saturday shall be deemed to be payable or presentable for acceptance or payment, and notice of protest and dishonor thereof may be given on the next succeeding secular or business day; provided, that checks and paper payable at sight, or on demand, presentable for payment on half-holiday Saturday may, at the option of the holder thereof, be payable and presentable for acceptance or payment on such half-holiday Saturday before twelve o'clock noon; provided further, that for the purpose of protesting or otherwise holding liable any party to any such check or paper payable at sight, or on demand, presentable for payment on any half-holiday Saturday, and which shall have been presented and dishonored on such half-holiday Saturday, notice of protest and dishonor thereof may be given on the next succeeding secular or business day; and provided further, that whenever any person shall receive for collec-