

holiday Saturday *or optional business day* 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 *or on such optional business day, as the case may be*; 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 *or optional business day*, and which shall have been presented and dishonored on such half-holiday Saturday *or optional business day*, 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 collection any bill of exchange, bank check, draft or promissory note due and presentable for acceptance or payment on any half-holiday Saturday *or optional business day*, such person shall not be deemed guilty of any neglect or omission of duty, or incur any liability in not presenting for payment or acceptance, or collecting such bill of exchange, bank check, draft or promissory note on that day; and provided further that in construing this section, (a) the term "*optional business day*" shall mean every holiday on which, under Section 11A of this Article, the banking institution shall have elected to remain open for business, and (b) every half-holiday Saturday shall, until twelve o'clock noon, be deemed as a secular or business day **[**, provided, however, that**]**. The provisions of this section *in so far as they relate to Saturdays* shall not apply to ~~Baltimore, Caroline,~~ Howard and Talbot Counties.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved March 29, 1955.

CHAPTER 182

(Senate Bill 171)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 66 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Collectors and Collections", relating to the revocation of the power of the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals in Baltimore City to decrease or abate assessments after the date of finality for any year.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 66 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Collectors and Collections", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

66. Allowances for Insolvencies, Removals and Refunds; Decreases in Assessments After Date of Finality. The county com-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.