

WHEREAS, the generally approved rule of construction in this State and elsewhere has been that both such Acts should be given effect if at all possible, and provided the titles of the two Acts will admit of such construction, as they have been independently enacted by the General Assembly, and the clear legislative intent usually has been that both should become law; and

WHEREAS, it has been thought wise by members of the Bench and Bar that this rule of construction should be enunciated into law, with no intent to change the generally accepted rule but simply to formalize it by codification; now, therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 17 be and it is hereby added to Article 1 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Rules of Interpretation", to follow immediately after Section 16 thereof, and to read as follows:

17. If two or more amendments to the same section or sub-section of the Code are enacted at the same or different sessions of the General Assembly, and one of them makes no reference to and takes no account of the other or others, the amendments shall be construed together, and each shall be given effect, if possible and with due regard to the wording of their titles. If the amendments are irreconcilable and it is not possible to construe them together, the latest in date of final enactment shall prevail.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved February 13, 1957.

CHAPTER 46

(Senate Bill 71)

AN ACT to repeal Section 63 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Licenses", sub-title "Traders", said section relating to the sale of certain tobacco products at retail and having already expired by limitation.

WHEREAS, what is now Section 63 of Article 56 of the Code was enacted by Chapter 651 of the Acts of 1945 concerning the sale of certain tobacco products by retailers; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Acts of 1945 provided that it should be in effect only for the duration of World War II; and

WHEREAS, the State Law Department in a formal ruling has held that the definitive end of World War II occurred on April 28, 1952; and

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.