

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 9 of Article 13 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes", subtitle "Legal Holidays", be and it hereby is repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

9.

The following days in each and every year, namely the first day of January, commonly called "New Year's Day"; the 12th of February, known as "Lincoln's Birthday"; the 22nd of February, known as "Washington's Birthday"; the 25th day of March, known as "Maryland Day"; "Good Friday"; the first Monday in September, commonly called "Labor Day"; the 30th of May, commonly called "Decoration Day"; the 4th day of July, called "Independence Day"; the 12th day of September, known as "Defenders' Day"; the 12th day of October, known as "Columbus Day"; the 11th day of November, known as "Veterans' Day"; the 25th day of December, called "Christmas Day"; and all days of general and congressional elections throughout the State and all special days that may be appointed or recommended by the Governor of this State, or the President of the United States, as days of thanksgiving or fasting and prayer, or other religious observance or for the general cessation of business, shall be regarded as legal holidays, and shall be duly observed as such, and shall for all purposes whatsoever as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance and of the protesting and giving notice of dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts and promissory notes, to be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and all such bills, drafts, checks, and notes presented for payment or acceptance on these said days, shall be deemed to be presented for acceptance or payment on the secular or business day next succeeding such holiday. The Governor of this State shall have the power by proclamation to appoint a day or days for the general cessation of business in any one or more of the political subdivisions of the State, in case of emergency from fire, flood or otherwise, with the same legal consequences as hereinabove provided. *In case of emergency from fire, flood, storm, snow or other cause in any part of the State, the Governor shall have the further power by proclamation to appoint a day or days during which banking institutions (as defined in Article 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland) within the area or areas designated in the proclamation may remain closed, in which case the appointed day or days shall be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, with the same legal consequences as hereinabove provided.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved April 29, 1966.

CHAPTER 244

(Senate Bill 442)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 287 (b) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition)