

CHAPTER 273

(Senate Bill 225)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 96 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages", subtitle "Hours and Days for Sale", to revise the hours and days for sale of alcoholic beverages by licensees in Charles County in order to clarify and make the law in respect to hours and days of sale uniform.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 96 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages", subtitle "Hours and Days for Sale", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

96. **[In Charles County, notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, it shall be unlawful for any licensee or any agent, servant or employee of said licensee under this subtitle to sell liquors on the Sabbath Day, commonly called Sunday, except that liquors may be sold and consumed on Sunday beginning at 12 o'clock noon until midnight on Sunday; nor shall any liquors be sold by any licensee or any agent, servant or employee of said licensee between the hours of 2 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock A.M. But this section shall not prevent any sale of beer or light wine under a Class C license or any other sale of wine or beer containing less than 20% alcohol by volume on any day including Sunday, or at any time except between the hours of 2 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock A.M. The barroom where alcoholic beverages are sold or displayed shall be closed at 2 o'clock A.M. and all bottles and containers used in dispensing alcoholic beverages must be removed from the tables on or before this time.]** *In Charles County, notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages, on Monday through Saturday, shall be from 6 o'clock A.M. until 2 o'clock A.M. on the following day. On Sunday, the hours of sale for beer and wine shall be from 6 o'clock A.M. to 12 o'clock midnight, and the hours of sale for liquors shall be from 12 o'clock noon to 12 o'clock midnight. It is unlawful for any licensee, his agent or employee, to sell any alcoholic beverages on any day between the hours of 2 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock A.M. and THAT PART OF any premises where alcoholic beverages are sold or displayed shall be closed at 2 o'clock A.M. and in the case of any on-sale class of license, all bottles and containers used in dispensing alcoholic beverages must be removed from the tables on or before this time. It is unlawful to sell any liquors on Sunday between the hours of 2 o'clock A.M. and 12 o'clock noon. The hours established in this section for the sale of alcoholic beverages are hereby declared to be in accordance with Eastern Standard Time whenever such time is in effect or in accordance with daylight time whenever such time is in effect. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon trial and conviction shall be subjected to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), or may be confined in the county jail or in the house of correction for not less than sixty days, or both, in the discretion of the court.*