

CHAPTER 515

(House Bill 1062)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 534J (b) 1 and 534J (c) 3 and 534J (j) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Sabbath Breaking," to redefine the activities of drugstores and to raise the number of persons allowed to be employed from three (3) to ~~ten (10)~~ SIX (6) persons and to eliminate the provisions dealing with second and third convictions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 534J (b) 1 and 534J (c) 3 and 534J (j) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Sabbath Breaking," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

534J.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the operation of any of the following types of retail establishments is allowed on Sunday:

1. Drugstores whose **[principal]** *basic* business is the sale of drugs and related items.

(c) Nothing in this section applies to:

1. Farmers

2. Nurserymen

3. Small business with not more than **[three (3)]** ~~ten (10)~~ SIX (6) persons on any one shift with the exception of persons or retailers engaged in the sale of motor vehicles.

(j) Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is subject to the following penalties. **[The first]** A conviction *under this section* is to be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), **[a second conviction is punished by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), and for a third or subsequent conviction by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00),]** for each employee caused, directed, permitted or authorized to work in violation of this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 2, 1969.