

of necessity and charity always excepted), nor shall suffer or permit any children or servants to profane the Lord's day by gaming, fishing, fowling, hunting or unlawful pastime or recreation; and every person transgressing this section and being hereof convicted before a justice of the peace shall forfeit five dollars, to be applied to the use of the county. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the provisions of this section shall not apply [to Baltimore County.] :

(1) *To Baltimore County, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, OR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, or*

(2) *To any person who conscientiously believes that the seventh day of the week ought to be observed as the Sabbath and who actually refrains from secular business and labor on that day, and whose business establishment or establishments or employer's business establishment or establishments (whether a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation) are actually closed on that day; or*

(3) *To any person who conscientiously believes that the Sabbath begins at sundown on Friday night and ends at sundown on Saturday night and who actually refrains from secular business and labor during such period, and whose business establishment or establishments or employer's business establishment or establishments (whether a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation) are actually closed during such period.*

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

Approved May 14, 1969.

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CHAPTER 686

(House Bill 711)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 522 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," to exempt the application of this section to BALTIMORE COUNTY, PRINCE GEORGE'S AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES AND TO such persons who conscientiously believe that the seventh day of the week ought to be observed as the Sabbath or to such persons who conscientiously believe that the Sabbath begins at sundown on Friday night and ends at sundown on Saturday night and who actually refrain from secular business and labor during such respective periods.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 522 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 it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:*