

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 534M be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Sabbath Breaking," to follow immediately after Section 534L thereof and to read as follows:*

*534M.*

(a) *In Wicomico County AND IN HARFORD COUNTY, except as specifically in this section otherwise provided, it is unlawful on Sunday for any wholesale or retail establishment to conduct business for labor or profit in the usual manner and location or to operate its establishments in any manner for the general public. It shall not cause, direct, permit, or otherwise any employee or agent to engage in or conduct business on its behalf on Sunday.*

(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 business is the sale of drugs and related items.*
2. *Delicatessens whose principal business is the sale of delicatessens and related food items.*
3. *Bakeries and bakeshops.*
4. *Gasoline stations whose principal business is the sale of gasoline, oil, and other automobile maintenance items.*
5. *Restaurants, grills and snack bars.*

(c) *Nothing in this section applies to:*

1. *Farmers.*
2. *Nurserymen*
3. *Small business convenience stores with not more than two (2) persons on any one shift.*

(d) *Nothing in this section is applicable to any person who by reasons of his religious conviction observes a day other than Sunday as his day of rest and actually refrains from labor or secular business on that day, and whose establishment is closed for business on that day. The term "a day other than Sunday" as used herein shall mean any consecutive twenty-four hour period.*

(e) *Notwithstanding any provision of this section, any establishment which offers service as its primary business is allowed to operate on Sunday.*

(f) *Industries where continuous processing or manufacturing is required by the very nature of the process involved are allowed to operate on Sunday.*

(g) *All recreational activities, sports, and amusements are permitted on Sunday, provided however, that commercial recreational activities, sports and amusements shall be permitted only between the hours of 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. and midnight, swim clubs excepted.*

(h) *Nothing EXCEPT AS IN THIS SECTION SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED, NOTHING in this section shall be deemed or construed*