

Volume), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Hours and Days for Sale," to change the hours during which intoxicating beverages cannot be sold in Allegany County by persons having liquor licenses under this Article.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 91 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Hours and Days for Sale," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

91.

In Allegany County, notwithstanding any other provisions in this subtitle, it shall be unlawful for any person having a license under this article to sell ~~any~~ intoxicating beverages between the hours of [12:00 o'clock midnight] ~~1:00 o'clock a.m.~~ 12:45 O'CLOCK A.M. and 7:00 o'clock a.m., ~~and on Sunday~~ EXCEPT THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL AFTER MIDNIGHT SATURDAY TO SELL INTOXICATING BEVERAGES UNTIL 7:00 O'CLOCK A.M. MONDAY, THE INTENT BEING TO PROHIBIT ALL SUNDAY SALES.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 24, 1971.

CHAPTER 687
(House Bill 298)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 9-9 and 9-10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1969 Edition; being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Landlord and Tenant," subheading "Rent Escrow Law," and to enact new Section 9-9 in lieu thereof to provide certain safeguards for tenants under certain circumstances and to make other provisions regarding the rights and duties of landlords and tenants of residential premises.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 9-9 and 9-10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1969 Edition; being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Landlord and Tenant," subheading "Rent Escrow Law," be and they are hereby repealed and that a new Section 9-9 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

§9-9. Rent escrow law.

(a) *Defense in action.* In an action of distress for rent or in any complaint proceeding brought by a landlord to recover rent or the possession of leased premises for nonpayment of rent (including a proceeding brought under Section 9-2 hereof), where the property is