

CHAPTER 164
(House Bill 791)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 89(e), 90(b) and 99 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Hours and Days for Sale," to extend the time on New Year's Day in Harford County when liquor licensees may sell alcoholic beverages, and to clarify the language therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 89(e), 90(b) and 99 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Hours and Days for Sale," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

89.

(e) Nothing in this article shall be construed to require any holder of an on-sale license in Prince George's, *Harford* and Wicomico counties to close his establishment until 2:00 a.m. on January 1st of any year, and any holder of [said] *that* license shall be permitted to make sale of any alcoholic beverage authorized by his license until 2:00 a.m. on January 1st of any year.

90.

(b)

(1) In the jurisdictions in which this subsection is applicable, it shall be unlawful for anyone to sell or for any licensed dealer to deliver, give away or otherwise dispose of any alcoholic beverages on Sunday. Any person selling or any licensed dealer delivering, giving away or otherwise disposing of such beverages in such jurisdictions on Sundays shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense and for each succeeding offense shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court.

(2) This subsection shall be applicable and have effect in Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester (except as otherwise provided herein) counties, provided that it shall not apply to or affect special Class C licenses issued under the provisions of this article, nor shall it apply to special Class C licenses issued in Washington County for temporary use. Nothing in this section shall require the holder of any Class A (off-sale) beer license in Washington County to close his place of business on Sunday provided such licensee shall close that part of his place of business from which beer is sold. Nothing in this section shall apply to any Class C beer, wine and liquor license (on-sale) club in Kent County under which it shall be lawful to keep for sale and sell in Kent County for consumption on the licensed premises alcoholic beverages on Sunday between the hours of 2:00 o'clock p.m. and midnight. Nothing in this section shall apply to holders of "special Sunday licenses" issued in Queen Anne's County pursuant to Section 103A. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this article, it is lawful for Class A beer licensees in