CHAPTER 293

(House Bill 583)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 90(b) and 95B of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Hours and Days For Sale," to permit sale of alcoholic beverages between 12 o'clock p-m. MIDNIGHT and 2 o'clock a.m. on Sundays in Cecil County.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 90(b) and 95B of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Hours and Days For Sale," be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments and to read as follows:

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- (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.
- 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 B beer, wine and liquor license (on-sale) hotel and restaurant in Washington County whose total food sales comprise at least 65% of its total sales volume, nor to any Class C beer, wine and liquor license (on-sale) club in Washington County, and under either of such class of licenses it shall be lawful to keep for sale and to sell in Washington County for consumption on the licensed premises, with meals only, alcoholic beverages on Sundays between the hours of 12 noon and 9 o'clock p.m. Licensees selling alcoholic beverages on Sunday shall pay an annual fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) in addition to their annual license fee. 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