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CHAPTER 681

(Senate Bill 405)

AN ACT to add new Section 534N to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Sabbath Breaking," to follow immediately after Section 534M thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Sunday Activities in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Frederick, Washington and Calvert Counties," limiting work or labor or the selling of merchandise or articles or operation of specified places on certain days in Allegany County, Anne Arundel County, Frederick County and Washington Calvert County; excepting certain persons in Allegany County, Anne Arundel County, Frederick County, Calvert County, and Washington County Anne Arundel County and Calvert County observing a day other than Sunday as a day of rest and recreation; further regulating business in Allegany County, Anne Arundel County, Frederick County and Washington Calvert County regarding the work week; and providing injunctive relief and penalties for violations.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 534N be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Sabbath Breaking," to follow immediately after Section 534M thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Sunday Activities in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Frederick, Washington and Calvert Counties," and to read as follows:

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FREDERICK COUNTY, WASHINGTON COUNTY AND CALVERT COUNTY

534N.

(A) IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, FREDERICK COUNTY WASHINGTON COUNTY, AND CALVERT 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 ESTABLISHMENT IN ANY MANNER FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. IT SHALL NOT CAUSE, DIRECT, PERMIT, OR AUTHORIZE 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.