

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 7, 1973.

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CHAPTER 343  
(House Bill 1128)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 492 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Sabbath Breaking," and to repeal Sections 497, 498, and 499 of the same Article, title and subtitle, and to add new Section 521(j) to the same Article, title and subtitle to follow immediately after Section 521(i) thereof, and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 522 of the same Article, title and subtitle, ||to except Washington County from Sabbath Breaking provisions,|| and to add new Section 534O to the same Article, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 534N thereof, relating generally to the conduct of certain business activities on Sundays in Washington County, and correcting an error therein.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 492 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Sabbath Breaking," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that Sections 497, 498 and 499 of the same Article, title and subtitle, be and they are hereby repealed, and that Section 521(j) be and it is hereby added to the same Article, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 521(i) thereof, and that Section 522 of the same Article, title and subtitle be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that new Section 534O of the same Article, title and subtitle be and it is hereby added to follow immediately after Section 534N thereof, and all to read as follows:

492.

No person whatsoever shall work or do any bodily labor on the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday; and no person having children or servants shall command, or wittingly or willingly suffer any of them to do any manner of work or labor on the Lord's day (works of necessity and charity always excepted), nor shall suffer or permit any children or servants to profane the Lord's day by gaming, fishing, fowling, hunting or unlawful pastime or recreation; and every person transgressing this section and being hereof convicted shall forfeit five dollars, which, if the fine is imposed by a circuit court of any county or the Criminal Court of Baltimore, shall be applied to the use of the county or city as the case may be. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the provisions of this section shall not apply:

(1) To Baltimore County, Prince George's County, WASHINGTON COUNTY, or Montgomery County, or