

dancing saloon, opera house, tenpin alley, barber saloon or ball alley within this State on the Sabbath day, commonly called Sunday; and any person or persons, or body politic or corporate, who shall violate any provision of this section, or cause or knowingly permit the same to be violated by a person or persons in his, her or its employ shall be liable to indictment in any court of this State having criminal jurisdiction, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined a sum not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court, for the first offense; and if convicted a second time for a violation of this section, the person or persons or body politic or corporate shall be fined a sum not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars; and if a natural person shall be imprisoned, not less than ten nor more than thirty days in the discretion of the court; and in the case of any conviction or convictions under this section subsequent to the second, such person or persons, body politic or corporate shall be fined on each occasion a sum of at least double that imposed upon him, her, them or it on the last preceding conviction; and if a natural person, shall be imprisoned not less than thirty nor more than sixty days in the discretion of the court; all fines to be imposed under this section shall be paid to the State. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary the provisions of this sections [section] shall not apply:

(1) To Baltimore County, Harford County, Prince George's County, Washington County, [or] Montgomery County, or DORCHESTER COUNTY, OR

(2) To any person who conscientiously believes that the seventh day of the week ought to be observed as the Sabbath and who actually refrains from secular business and labor on that day, and whose business establishment or establishments or employer's business establishment or establishments (whether a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation) are actually closed on that day; or

(3) To any person who conscientiously believes that the Sabbath begins at sundown on Friday night and ends at sundown on Saturday night and who actually refrains from secular business and labor during such period, and whose business establishment or establishments or employer's business establishment or establishments (whether a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation) are actually closed during such period.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 521(k) be and it is hereby added to Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland