

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 516
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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, 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, Harford County, Worcester County, Montgomery County, Dorchester County, Charles County, [or] TALBOT 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.