

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

98A.

In Garrett County, notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle and except on [Sundays and] New Year's Day, holders of any class licenses issued under this article may not sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on any day of the week or [at any time on Sunday after 2 a.m.] BETWEEN 2 A.M. AND 1 P.M. ON SUNDAY. However, this section is subject to the provisions of § 89 (j) of this article regarding sales on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day regardless of the day of the week on which December 31 and January 1 fall.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before this Act becomes effective it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Garrett County at the ~~general~~ primary election to be held in ~~November~~ May of 1980. The cost of the special election, if any, shall be paid by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors of Election of Garrett County shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the referendum here required. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this election the title of this Act and underneath the title, on separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the words: "For Sunday Alcoholic Beverage Sales" and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against Sunday Alcoholic Beverage Sales" so that each voter of the county may designate his or her decision for or against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes cast in the election are "For Sunday Alcoholic Beverage Sales" the provisions of this Act shall become effective ~~on--December 15, 1980~~ 30 days after the date of the primary election, but if a majority of the votes cast in the election are "Against Sunday Alcoholic Beverage Sales" the provisions of this Act shall be of no effect and null and void.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~subject to the provisions of Section 2 herein and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum therein required, this Act shall take effect on--July--1,--1980~~ 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 yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and subject to the provisions of Section 2 above, and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required therein, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.