

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland 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. 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, 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 Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Prince George's County, Washington County, Harford County, Howard County, Worcester County, Montgomery County, Dorchester County, Charles County, Talbot County, ALLEGANY COUNTY; or

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[(e) In Allegany County this section shall not apply to or prohibit retail sales on any Sunday by:

(1) Food stores, drugstores, bakery or baked goods stores, newsstands, selling and/or delivering newspapers and periodicals, gasoline service stations, nurseries or shops selling flowers and plants, or roadside vending stands selling fruits, vegetables, or plants and flowers; provided that, for the entire time during which any such retail establishment is open on any Sunday, not more than four persons, including any owner, manager, assistant manager, or delivery personnel, are employed by the retail establishment or working therein, regardless of the number of leased departments, concession areas, booths, or stalls located therein; and

(2) Restaurants, lunchrooms, or ice-cream parlors.

Any violation of this subsection shall be prosecuted as provided for in subsection (c) of this section.]