

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

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 section shall not apply:

(1) To Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, CARROLL COUNTY, Harford County, Howard County, Prince George's County, Washington County, Worcester County, Montgomery County, [or] 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.

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(a) The provisions of this section apply to Baltimore County and Baltimore City.

(b) (1) It is unlawful on Sunday for any wholesale or retail establishment to conduct business for labor or profit in the usual manner and location or to operate its establishment in any manner for the general public.

(2) A wholesale or retail establishment may not cause, direct, or authorize any employee or agent to engage in or conduct business on its behalf on Sunday.

(c) (1) The State's Attorney of Baltimore County may petition the circuit court to enjoin any violation of this section.