

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

11-403.

(a) (3) (i) Except for the Class B Sunday off-sale license prohibition in the 47th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City as provided for in § 6-201(d) of this article, in Baltimore City a Class B and a Class C beer and light wine or beer, wine and liquor licensee may sell alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on Sunday.

(ii) 1. Subject to the conditions provided in this subparagraph, in Baltimore City, a holder of a Class A retail alcoholic beverages license may exercise the off-sale license privilege on the Sundays that fall between [the Sunday that is 2 Sundays preceding] Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

2. The holder of a Class A retail off-sale license may exercise the additional privilege authorized by this subparagraph in any year in which a supplementary license fee of [\$25] \$50 has been paid prior to October 1 for each day the additional privilege is to be exercised.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 59**

**(Senate Bill 145)**

AN ACT concerning

**Consumer Protection - Contracts - Late Fees**

FOR the purpose of clarifying the circumstances under which parties to a contract may agree to the payment of late fees; authorizing the parties to a contract to agree to require that late fees be paid when a party fails to make a payment when due; requiring full disclosure of any late fees; requiring that certain late fees be disclosed in a certain manner; establishing certain limitations on the amount and duration of late fees included in certain consumer contracts; establishing certain limitations on the time at which a late fee included in certain consumer contracts may be imposed; providing that a late fee imposed under this Act is subject to certain limitations or conditions; authorizing the bylaws of a homeowners association to provide for a certain late charge under certain circumstances; providing for the effect of this Act; providing for the repeal of certain provisions of this Act on certain dates; providing for the delayed effective date of a certain portion of this Act; defining a term certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; making provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to late fees.