

CHAPTER 421

(House Bill 658)

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Alcoholic Beverages – New Year’s Sales

FOR the purpose of altering the hours of sale of alcoholic beverages in Cecil County when December 31 falls on a Sunday; altering the hours of sale when January 1 falls on a Sunday; and generally relating to sales of alcoholic beverages in Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–402(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

11–402.

(i) (1) This subsection applies only in Cecil County.

(2) (I) This article may not be construed to restrict the sale of alcoholic beverages under any class of license issued under this article or to restrict any person from consuming any alcoholic beverage on any premises licensed under this article [between the hours of 12 midnight and 4 a.m. on January 1st of any year or between the hours of 7 p.m. and 12 midnight, on December 31st in any year when December 31st falls on a Sunday]:

1. ON JANUARY 1, BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 4 A.M.;

OR

2. ON DECEMBER 31, WHEN THAT DATE FALLS ON A SUNDAY, BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 4 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

(II) [However, in any year in which January 1st falls on a Sunday, it is unlawful to sell alcoholic beverages under any class of license or to consume any alcoholic beverages on any licensed premises on January 1st between the hours of 4 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Cecil County] **ON JANUARY 1, WHEN THAT DATE FALLS ON A SUNDAY, A PERSON MAY NOT SELL ANY CLASS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON A LICENSED PREMISES BETWEEN 4 A.M. AND THE APPROPRIATE OPENING HOUR OF SALE LISTED IN § 11-508 OF THIS TITLE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.