
By: Senator McCabe (Howard County Senators)

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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County - Sunday Blue Laws - Car Dealers**

3 **Ho. Co. 9-96**

4 FOR the purpose of allowing a car dealer in Howard County to sell, barter, deliver, give
5 away, show, or offer for sale a motor vehicle or certificate of title for a motor vehicle
6 on Sunday; and generally relating to the sale, barter, delivery, gift, showing, or
7 offering of motor vehicles or certificates of title on Sundays.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article - Business Regulation

10 Section 18-101

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (1992 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Business Regulation**

16 18-101.

17 (a) (1) This section does not apply to the laws that relate to the sale of alcoholic
18 beverages.

19 (2) This section does not apply in Wicomico County.

20 (b) Subject to this section and § 3-704 of the Labor and Employment Article, a
21 retail or wholesale establishment may do business on Sunday.

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1 (c) Notwithstanding an agreement to the contrary between a merchant and
2 landlord:

3 (1) the landlord may not directly or indirectly require the merchant to open
4 the merchant's place of business on Sunday; and

5 (2) a landlord may not directly or indirectly cancel or refuse to renew the
6 merchant's lease because the merchant refuses to open the merchant's place of business
7 on Sunday.

8 (d) Except in [Montgomery] HOWARD, MONTGOMERY, and Prince George's
9 Counties, a new or used car dealer may not sell, barter, deliver, give away, show, or offer
10 for sale a motor vehicle or certificate of title for a motor vehicle on Sunday.

11 (e) In Anne Arundel County, a dealer may sell, barter, deliver, giveaway, show,
12 or offer for sale on Sunday a new or used camping trailer, mobile home, or travel trailer,
13 as those terms are defined in Title 11 of the Transportation Article.

14 (f) A new or used car dealer who violates subsection (d) of this section is guilty of
15 a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 1996.