

CF SB 539

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**By: Carroll County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages**  
3 **(Sunday Sales Sitting at a Bar or Counter)**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting certain Carroll County alcoholic beverages licensees from  
5 the general prohibition on permitting the sale of alcoholic beverages from a bar or  
6 counter on Sunday; clarifying language; and generally relating to alcoholic  
7 beverages in Carroll County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 11-403(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16 11-403.

17 (a) (1) A retail dealer holding a Class B or C license may not sell any alcoholic  
18 beverage at a bar or counter on Sunday.

19 (2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY IN THE CITY OF  
20 ANNAPOLIS. [Provided, that in]

21 (II) IN Anne Arundel County [it shall be lawful to] A LICENSEE MAY  
22 sell, vend, serve, deliver and/or A PATRON MAY consume any alcoholic beverages  
23 permitted by law to be sold [in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth  
24 districts of Anne Arundel County] at any bar or counter on any day on which the sale of  
25 alcoholic beverages is permitted by law.

26 [(4)] (3) (i) Except for the Class B Sunday off-sale license prohibition in  
27 the 47th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City as provided for in § 6-201(d) of this  
28 article, in Baltimore City [and Baltimore County,] a Class B and a Class C beer and light  
29 wine or beer, wine and liquor licensee may sell alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on  
30 Sunday.

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

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

9 (4) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE COUNTY.

10 (II) A CLASS B AND A CLASS C BEER AND LIGHT WINE OR BEER,  
11 WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSEE MAY SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A BAR OR  
12 COUNTER ON SUNDAY.

13 [(ii)] (III) [In Baltimore County, between] BETWEEN the hours of 7  
14 a.m. and 9 p.m., a holder of any class of retail off-sale alcoholic beverages license may  
15 exercise the off-sale license privilege on the Sunday preceding Christmas Day and on the  
16 Sunday preceding New Year's Day.

17 [(iii)] (IV) [In Baltimore County, a] A holder of a Class A beer and  
18 light wine or beer, wine and liquor license may exercise the off-sale license privilege on  
19 the 2 Sundays preceding Passover if:

20 1. That holder does not exercise the off-sale privilege on the 2  
21 Saturdays preceding Passover;

22 2. The off-premises sales are conducted on those Sundays  
23 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12 midnight; and

24 3. The sales are limited to alcoholic beverages that are "kosher  
25 for Passover".

26 [(3)] (5) [Provided that in] IN Caroline County a Class B and Class C beer  
27 or beer, wine and liquor licensee may sell alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on  
28 Sunday.

29 (6) THE PROHIBITION SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
30 SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY IN CARROLL COUNTY.

31 [(5)] (7) In Prince George's County, a Class B and Class C beer or beer,  
32 wine and liquor licensee may sell alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on Sunday when  
33 December 24 and 31 fall on a Sunday.

34 [(6)] (8) In Washington County, a Class A, Class B, and Class C on-sale  
35 licensee may sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday from 12 noon to 12 midnight.

36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
37 October 1, 1997.