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**By: Senator Middlebrooks, Chairman, Anne Arundel County Senators (By Request of the Anne Arundel County Administration)**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 1997

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County - Sunday Blue Laws - Car Dealers**

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Business Regulation  
9 Section 18-101  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Business Regulation**

15 18-101.

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

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

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

21 (c) Notwithstanding an agreement to the contrary between a merchant and  
22 landlord:

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

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

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1           (d) Except in ANNE ARUNDEL, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's  
2 Counties, a new or used car dealer may not sell, barter, deliver, give away, show, or offer  
3 for sale a motor vehicle or certificate of title for a motor vehicle on Sunday.

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

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

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