

SENATE BILL 655

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2000 Regular Session
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By: **Senator Collins**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - State Sunday Blue Laws - Car Dealers**

3 FOR the purpose of altering provisions of law prohibiting a new or used car dealer
4 from selling, bartering, delivering, giving away, showing, or offering for sale a
5 motor vehicle or certificate of title for a motor vehicle on Sunday to exclude
6 Baltimore County; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
7 relating to State Sunday Blue Laws in Baltimore County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Business Regulation
10 Section 18-101
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 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
18 alcoholic 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
13 construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect
14 on or application to any car dealer in Baltimore County before the effective date of
15 this Act.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2000.