

# CHAPTER 674

(House Bill 902)

AN ACT concerning

## Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sunday Sales

FOR the purpose of authorizing holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Carroll County to sell certain alcoholic beverages during certain hours on Sundays; extending the hours of sale on Sunday for holders of certain other alcoholic beverages licenses; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Carroll County.

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 11–302(j)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 11–303(a)(2), 5–401(h), and 11–507  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

### Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

11–302.

**(J) IN CARROLL COUNTY, THE PRIVILEGES CONFERRED BY A CLASS A BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSE MAY BE EXERCISED FROM ~~NOON TO MIDNIGHT~~ 11 A.M. TO 6 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**

11–303.

(a) (2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection are superseded as follows:

(i) In Annapolis the hours may be fixed by the Mayor, Counselor, and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis;

**(II) IN CARROLL COUNTY, THE PRIVILEGES CONFERRED BY A CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE MAY BE EXERCISED FROM 11 A.M. TO ~~11 P.M.~~ 6 P.M. ON SUNDAY;**

[(ii)] **(III)** In Frederick County holders of a Class A beer, wine and liquor (off-sale) license may sell beer, wine and liquor for off-premises consumption on Sundays from 1 p.m. to midnight if they hold a special Sunday opening permit;

[(iii)] **(IV)** In Kent County the provisions of § 11-515 of this article apply;

[(iv)] **(V)** In St. Mary's County holders of a Class A-1 license may sell on Sunday; and

[(v)] **(VI)** In Talbot County the hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight.

5-401.

(h) **(1)** [In Carroll County the] **THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO CARROLL COUNTY.**

**(2) THE PRIVILEGES CONFERRED BY A CLASS D BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSE MAY BE EXERCISED FROM 11 A.M. TO 11 P.M. ON SUNDAY.**

**(3) THE** annual license fee is \$160.

11-507.

(a) This section applies only in Carroll County.

(b) (1) The following restrictions, limitations, and regulations apply.

(2) (i) Holders of "on-sale" licenses authorized under this article may sell, offer for sale, or dispense alcoholic beverages [during the hours of] **BETWEEN** 8 a.m. and 1 a.m. the following day and no other hours. Holders of these licenses may not sell, offer to sell or dispense any alcoholic beverages on Sunday except:

1. When the holder of that license is open for business on Saturday at midnight the licensee may remain open until 1 a.m. the Sunday immediately following;

2. Holders of Class C and H beer, wine and liquor licenses may reopen and may sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays between [the hours of 12 noon] **11 A.M.** and 1 a.m. the following Monday;

3. Holders of Class B beer, wine and liquor licenses may reopen and may sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays between [the hours of] 11 a.m. and 1 a.m. the following Monday; and

4. Holders of Class B beer and light wine, 7-day licenses may conduct “on-sales” of alcoholic beverages on Sundays between [the hours of 12 noon] **11 A.M.** and 1 a.m. the following Monday.

(ii) In all cases in which a closing time is indicated in this subsection a licensee may not permit the drinking of any alcoholic beverage on the premises 15 minutes following the closing time indicated.

(3) (i) Holders of “off-sale” licenses under this article [shall only] **MAY** sell, offer for sale, or dispense the beverages defined in this article between [the hours of] 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, and [at no other time] **BETWEEN 11 A.M. AND 11 P.M. ON SUNDAY.**

(ii) Holders of Class B beer and light wine, 7-day licenses may conduct “off-sales” of alcoholic beverages only between [the hours of] 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, and [at no other time] **BETWEEN 11 A.M. AND 11 P.M. ON SUNDAY.**

(4) A Class 4 manufacturer’s licensee may sell wine on Sundays, in a sealed package or container which may not be opened or the contents consumed on the licensee’s premises, subject to the other restrictions contained in § 2-205 of this article.

(5) A Class A wine licensee may sell wine on Sundays.

(6) The hours established in this subtitle for the sale of alcoholic beverages in Carroll County are hereby declared to be in accordance with Eastern Standard Time when such time is effective and the hours are declared to be in accordance with daylight time when such time is effective.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

**Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.**