Chapter 297

(Senate Bill 449)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sales Hours

FOR the purpose of altering the hours of sale on the days of the week for certain holders of off-sale alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages Section 11–303(a)(1) and 11–511(a) and (e)(2)(i), (3)(i), and (4)(i) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 11-301(a)(1) and (2), 11-302(a)(1) and (2), 11-303(a)(2)(iii), and 11-511(e)(2)(ii), (3)(ii), and (4)(ii) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

11-301.

(a) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE hours during which the privileges conferred by a Class A beer license may be exercised are from 6 a.m. to midnight, on every day except Sunday.

(2) In Frederick County, THE HOURS OF OPERATION ARE:

(I) ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND

(II) [on] ON Sunday [the hours of operation are from 1 p.m. to midnight], FROM 11 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

11-302.

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(a) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE hours during which the privileges conferred by a Class A beer and light wine license may be exercised are from 6 a.m. to midnight on every day except Sunday.

(2) In Frederick County, THE HOURS OF OPERATION ARE:

(I) ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND

(II) [on] ON Sunday [the hours of operation are from 1 p.m. to midnight], FROM 11 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

11 - 303.

(a) (1) The hours during which the privileges conferred by a Class A beer, wine and liquor license may be exercised are from 6 a.m. to midnight, on every day except Sunday.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection are superseded as follows:

(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:

1. MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND

2. [Sundays from 1 p.m. to midnight] SUNDAY, FROM 11 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY, if they hold a special Sunday opening permit;

11 - 511.

(a) This section applies only in Frederick County.

(e) (2) (i) The Board of License Commissioners may grant a special Sunday opening permit to a Class A beer, wine and liquor (off-sale) licensee.

(ii) The special Sunday opening permit authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine and liquor for off-premises consumption on Sundays from [12 noon] 11
A.M. to [12 midnight] 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

(3) (i) The Board of License Commissioners may grant a special Sunday opening permit to a Class A beer and wine (off-sale) licensee.

(ii) The special Sunday opening permit authorizes the holder to sell beer and wine for off-premises consumption on Sundays from [12 noon] **11** A.M. to [12 midnight] **2** A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

(4) (i) The Board of License Commissioners may grant a special Sunday opening permit to a Class A beer (off-sale) licensee.

(ii) The special Sunday opening permit authorizes the holder to sell beer for off-premises consumption on Sundays from [12 noon] 11 A.M. to [12 midnight] 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.