

Chapter 85

(House Bill 172)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages Licensees – Nonalcoholic Items – Hours of Sale

FOR the purpose of specifying the days and hours during which alcoholic beverages licensees in Charles County may sell nonalcoholic items; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licensees in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

11–509.

(a) (1) **THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CHARLES COUNTY.**

(2) [In Charles County, notwithstanding] **NOTWITHSTANDING** any other provisions of this subtitle, the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages shall be as follows:

[(1)] (I) Monday, 6 a.m. to Tuesday, 2 a.m.

[(2)] (II) Tuesday, 6 a.m. to Wednesday, 2 a.m.

[(3)] (III) Wednesday, 6 a.m. to Thursday, 2 a.m.

[(4)] (IV) Thursday, 6 a.m. to Friday, 2 a.m.

[(5)] (V) Friday, 6 a.m. to Saturday, 2 a.m.

[(6)] (VI) Saturday, 6 a.m. to Sunday, 2 a.m.

[(7)] (VII) Sunday, 6 a.m. to Sunday, midnight.

(3) AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSEE MAY SELL NONALCOHOLIC ITEMS ON:

(I) MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 5 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE NEXT DAY; AND

(II) SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT.

(b) It is unlawful for any licensee, his agent or employee, to sell any alcoholic beverages on any day between the hours of 2 o'clock a.m. and 6 o'clock a.m. and that part of any premises where alcoholic beverages are sold or displayed shall be open only during the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages set out in subsection (a) of this section. In the case of any on-sale class of license, all bottles and containers must be removed from the table on or before the hours of closing indicated in subsection (a) of this section. It is unlawful to sell any alcoholic beverages between midnight, Sunday, and 6 o'clock a.m. Monday.

(c) The hours established in this section for the sale of alcoholic beverages are hereby declared to be in accordance with Eastern Standard Time whenever such time is in effect or in accordance with daylight time whenever such time is in effect. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon trial and conviction shall be subjected to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), or may be confined in the county jail or in the house of correction for not less than sixty days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2013.