

employees, and to exempt places of employment covered by provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 52 of Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Work, Labor and Employment," subtitle "Hours of Labor for Females," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

52.

No female shall be employed or permitted to work in any [manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile, printing, baking or laundering establishment] *employment or place of employment* more than ten hours in any one day, nor more than sixty hours in any one week, ~~nor more than six days in any one week,~~ nor shall any female be employed or permitted to work more than six hours continuously at any one time [in any of the aforesaid establishments in which three or more such persons are employed,] without an interval of, at least, a half hour, except that such female may be so employed for not more than six and a half hours continuously at one time, if she shall not be permitted to work during the remainder of the day in her said employment. Provided, further, that the invalidity of any portion of this subtitle, shall in no way affect the validity of any portion thereof, which can be given effect, without such invalid part. But the provisions of this section shall not apply to females employed in the canning or preserving, or preparing for canning or preserving perishable fruit and vegetables. [And provided further that in any retail mercantile establishments located outside of the City of Baltimore a female may be permitted to work on Saturdays and on Christmas Eve and the five working days next preceding Christmas Eve not more than twelve hours, if during each of such Saturdays and Christmas Eve and five days aforesaid the female so employed shall have at least two rest intervals of not less than one hour each, and this provision shall only apply to such mercantile establishments as have during the remainder of the calendar year a working day of not more than nine hours.] This section shall not apply to the scheduling of work when a bona fide collective bargaining agreement is in effect [.] *nor shall it apply to places of employment meeting the wage, overtime, and record keeping requirements of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, nor shall it apply to females employed in professional, executive, administrative or managerial capacities.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.*

Approved April 23, 1969.

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CHAPTER 213

(Senate Bill 270)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 12F (b) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supple-