

August 10, 2012 www.mcvpr.com**RETAIL ALERT*****Retail establishments may conduct business as usual during the August 19th referendum***

The Secretary of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DACO) has clarified that retail establishments may conduct regular business on August 19, 2012, since the constitutional referendum set for such date is not within the dates listed by the Closing Law, 29 L.P.R.A. § 301 et seq, requiring them to close.

According to the Secretary, a “referendum” is not considered a “general elections day.” Therefore, those retail establishments ordinarily covered by the statute’s closing provisions may conduct business as usual on a Sunday. The Secretary’s position clarifies the opinion expressed by the Legislative Committee of the Chamber of Commerce concluding otherwise.

You may access DACO’s opinion [here](#).

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