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A BILL ENTITLED

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1	AN ACT	concerning

Agriculture - Antibiotic Drug Usage - Food-Producing Animals

- FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from administering an antibiotic drug to a food-producing animal under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Agriculture to establish by regulation a certain program; requiring the regulations adopted by the Department to include certain provisions; defining a certain term; and generally relating to antibiotic drug usage in food-producing animals.
- 9 BY adding to

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- 10 Article Agriculture
- Section 3–1001 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 10. Antibiotic Drug Usage in
- 12 Food–Producing Animals"
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)
- 15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 17 Article Agriculture
- 18 SUBTITLE 10. ANTIBIOTIC DRUG USAGE IN FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS.
- 19 **3-1001.**
- 20 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMAL" MEANS AN ANIMAL
- 21 RAISED IN THE STATE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.
- 22 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT ADMINISTER, OR PROVIDE ANY COMMERCIAL FEED
- 23 OR WATER THAT CONTAINS, AN ANTIBIOTIC DRUG TO A FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMAL:



1	(1) IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY CLINICAL SIGN OF DISEASE;
2 3 4	(2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF GROWTH PROMOTION, FEED EFFICIENCY WEIGHT GAIN, ROUTINE DISEASE PREVENTION, OR ANY OTHER ROUTINE PURPOSE AND
5	(3) WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION FROM A LICENSED VETERINARIAN.
6 7	(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH BY REGULATION A PROGRAM TO:
8 9	(I) TRACK ANTIBIOTIC DRUG USAGE IN FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS;
10 11	(II) Ensure food-producing animals are raised in a manner that ensures the health of the animals;
12 13 14	(III) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, TRACK ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT BACTERIA AND PATTERNS OF EMERGING RESISTANCES;
15 16	(IV) MONITOR MEAT AND POULTRY FROM FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS SOLD IN STORES FOR ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT BACTERIA; AND
17 18 19 20	(V) MONITOR AIR, SOIL, AND WATER IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO LARGE ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS, AS DEFINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN TITLE 26, SUBTITLE 8, CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS, FOR ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT BACTERIA.
21 22	(2) REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:
23 24 25	(I) ESTABLISH LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEAT AND POULTRY FROM FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR IDENTIFYING THE FARM OPERATION AND FARM LOCATION; AND
26 27 28	(II) REQUIRE A FARM OPERATION THAT RAISES FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS TO SUBMIT A REPORT EACH YEAR TO THE DEPARTMENT ON ANTIRIOTIC DRUG USAGE FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR. IF

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APPLICABLE, INCLUDING:

1	1 2. THE ANIMAL SPECIES AND TOTAL NUM	IBER OF
2	2 FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS ON WHICH EACH DRUG WAS USED;	
3	3. THE QUANTITY OF EACH DRUG USED;	
4	4. THE DURATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION	OF EACH
5	5 DRUG;	
6		UG WAS
7	7 ADMINISTERED;	
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9	9 TREATED; AND	
10	7. THE METHOD BY WHICH EACH DRU	JG WAS
11	1 ADMINISTERED, INCLUDING ORAL ADMINISTRATION, COMMERCIAL FEED	, WATER,
12	2 OR BY INJECTION.	
13	3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall to	ake effect

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