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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health - Refrigerated Foods - Sale After Certain Dates**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the sale of certain refrigerated foods after certain dates
4 under certain circumstances; providing penalties for violations of this Act; defining
5 a term; and generally relating to the prohibition of the sale of refrigerated foods
6 beyond certain dates.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Health - General
9 Section 21-214
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Health - General**

15 21-214.

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "REFRIGERATED FOOD" MEANS ANY FOOD THAT MUST
17 BE REFRIGERATED TO PRESERVE THE FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AT A
18 LATER TIME.

19 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT
20 SELL ANY REFRIGERATED FOOD:

21 (I) AFTER A SELL-BY DATE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT FOOD; OR

22 (II) AFTER 7 DAYS AFTER A USE-BY DATE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT
23 FOOD.

24 (2) IF A REFRIGERATED FOOD PRODUCT HAS A SELL-BY DATE AND A
25 USE-BY DATE, A PERSON MAY NOT SELL THE REFRIGERATED FOOD AFTER 7 DAYS
26 AFTER THE USE-BY DATE.

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1 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
2 AND IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500 FOR EACH DAY OR PART OF A DAY
3 THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 1997.