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**By: Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee (Departmental - Agriculture)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Weights and Measures - Method of Sale of Poultry and Flour Products**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the method of sale of certain commodities and removing a  
4 certain label requirement under the Weights and Measures Law; and generally  
5 relating to regulation of weights and measures.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Agriculture  
8 Section 11-310 and 11-313  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Agriculture**

14 11-310.

15 (a) (1) Except as provided in this subsection or as specified by the Secretary,  
16 any meat, meat product, poultry, and all seafood offered or exposed for sale or sold as  
17 food shall be offered or exposed for sale and sold by weight.

18 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the  
19 following products may be offered or exposed for sale or sold by weight, measure, or  
20 count:

21 (i) Shellfish;

22 (ii) Items for consumption on the premises where sold;

23 (iii) Items sold as 1 of [3] 2 or more different elements, excluding  
24 condiments, that comprise a ready-to-eat meal sold as a unit for consumption elsewhere  
25 than on the premises where sold; and

26 (iv) Cooked and ready-to-eat WHOLE CHICKEN OR chicken parts that  
27 are prepared on the premises.

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1 (b) When meat, poultry, or seafood is combined with or associated with some  
2 other food element to form either a distinctive food product or a food combination, the  
3 food product or combination shall be offered or exposed for sale, and sold by weight, the  
4 quantity representation may be the total weight of the product or combination and a  
5 quantity representation is not required for each element of the product or combination.  
6 [However, ready-to-cook, whole carcass, stuffed poultry, ready-to-cook stuffed poultry  
7 roasts, rolls, bars, and logs, and ready-to-cook stuffed poultry products designated by  
8 terms of similar meaning, the label shall show the total net weight of the poultry product  
9 and, in close proximity, a statement specifying the minimum weight of poultry in the  
10 product.]

11 11-313.

12 [When in package form, and when packed, possessed, offered, or exposed for sale  
13 or sold at retail,] WHEN OFFERED OR EXPOSED FOR SALE, wheat flour, whole wheat  
14 flour, graham flour, self-rising wheat flour, phosphated wheat flour, bromated flour,  
15 enriched flour, enriched self-rising flour, enriched bromated flour, corn flour, cornmeal,  
16 and hominy grits shall be [packaged only in units of 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, or 100 pounds, or  
17 multiples of 100 pounds, avoirdupois weight. However, this section does not apply to  
18 prepared ready-mixed flours and meals, and special cake flours in packages the net  
19 contents of which are less than 5 pounds] SOLD BY WEIGHT ONLY.

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