
By: **Delegate Stocksdale**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Food Processing - License Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of altering provisions relating to assessment of licensing fees for
4 certain food establishments by providing that a county health department may
5 not assess a license fee of more than a certain amount for certain seasonal food
6 processing operations that meet certain criteria; and generally relating to
7 license fees for food establishments.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Health - General
10 Section 21-308
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Health - General**

16 21-308.

17 (a) (1) For any license issued for which the authority to conduct a program
18 under this subtitle has been delegated to a county health department:

19 (i) A county governing body or the Mayor and City Council of
20 Baltimore City may provide for a license fee schedule based on the anticipated cost of
21 licensing, inspecting, and regulating food establishments and may provide for
22 exemptions from the license fee schedule; and

23 (ii) All license fees shall be paid to the local health department or
24 chief financial officer of the county governing body or Baltimore City.

25 (2) Except in Baltimore City, Montgomery County, and Prince George's
26 County, a license fee under this subsection may not exceed:

27 (I) \$150; OR

1 (II) \$35 FOR A SEASONAL FOOD PROCESSING OPERATION THAT:

2 1. USES ONLY FOOD THAT IS GROWN ON THE PROPERTY OF
3 THE LICENSEE; AND

4 2. IS IN OPERATION FOR NOT MORE THAN A 3-MONTH
5 CONTINUOUS PERIOD IN THE CALENDAR YEAR.

6 (b) For any other food establishment license:

7 (1) The Department shall establish a license fee schedule based on the
8 anticipated cost of licensing, inspecting, and regulating food establishments.

9 (2) All fees collected shall go into the General Fund.

10 (3) A license fee may not exceed \$150.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 1998.