

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 350

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in its entirety line 2 and substitute “Task Force on Food Allergies and Restaurant Patrons”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through the second “food” in line 8 and substitute “establishing a Task Force on Food Allergies and Restaurant Patrons to examine the concerns that a person with a food allergy may have about eating in a restaurant; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to appoint the Chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to staff the Task Force; establishing the duties of the Task Force; providing that a member of the Task Force may not be compensated but may receive travel expenses; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to examine the concerns that a person with a food allergy may have about eating in a restaurant”; strike in their entirety lines 9 through 18, inclusive; and in line 20, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 29 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force on Food Allergies and Restaurant Patrons.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

(1) a member of the Senate Finance Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) a member of the House Environmental Matters Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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(3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Attorney General of Maryland, or the Attorney General's designee;

(5) a representative of the Restaurant Association of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Association;

(6) a registered dietitian from the Maryland Dietetic Association, appointed by the President of the Association;

(7) a food allergist, appointed by the Governor;

(8) a consumer who suffers from food allergies, appointed by the Governor;

(9) a parent of a child who suffers from food allergies, appointed by the Governor;

and

(10) a representative of the food marketing and processing industry, appointed by the Governor.

(c) The Governor shall designate one of the members as chairman of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the Task Force.

(e) The Task Force shall:

(1) examine the concerns of, and problems encountered by, individuals with a food allergy who eat in restaurants;

(2) consult with the federal Food and Drug Administration on food labeling laws and policies;

(3) recommend measures to address the problems and concerns identified by the Task Force; and

(4) report its recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly by December 1, 2000.

- (f) A member of the Task Force:
- (1) may not receive compensation; but
 - (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 7 months and, at the end of April 30, 2001, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”