

HOUSE BILL 845

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Environmental Matters/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Stull, Amedori, Bartlett, Boutin, Brinkley, Cane,
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Owings, Parrott, Nathan-Pulliam, Shank, Snodgrass, Stocksdale, Weir,
and Riley**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Milk Products - Length of Sell-by Period**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing~~ *requiring* the Secretary of the Department of Health
4 and Mental Hygiene to establish the sell-by period, *of up to a certain number of*
5 *days*, for certain milk products; and generally relating to the "sell-by period" of
6 milk products.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Health - General
9 Section 21-426
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Health - General**

4 21-426.

5 (a) In this section, "sell-by period" means the length of time a Grade A milk
6 product may be kept for sale.

7 (b) (1) After a public hearing, the Secretary shall adopt rules and
8 regulations that establish a method for conspicuously marking, on the Grade A milk
9 product container, the last date on which the product may be sold.

10 (2) Each Grade A milk product container shall be marked as required by
11 rules and regulations adopted under this subtitle.

12 (c) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH THE SELL-BY PERIOD, OF UP TO 17
13 DAYS, FOR [A] A Grade A milk product that is cooled to, packaged, and stored at 45
14 degrees Fahrenheit or less before it is purchased by or delivered to the ultimate
15 consumer [has a sell-by period of 14 days].

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2002.