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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Health and
4 Mental Hygiene to establish the sell-by period for certain milk products; and
5 generally relating to the "sell-by period" of milk products.

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

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

13 **Article - Health - General**

14 21-426.

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

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

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

22 (c) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH THE SELL-BY PERIOD FOR [A] A
23 Grade A milk product that is cooled to, packaged, and stored at 45 degrees Fahrenheit

1 or less before it is purchased by or delivered to the ultimate consumer [has a sell-by
2 period of 14 days].

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