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CHAPTER _____

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.

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

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

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

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