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Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 845

(Delegate Stull, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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

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This bill requires the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to establish the sell-by period, of up to 17 days, for Grade A milk products that are purchased by or delivered to the ultimate consumer. The bill repeals the requirement for a 14-day sell-by period for these Grade A milk products.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not materially affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** After a public hearing, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must adopt rules and regulations that establish a method for conspicuously marking, on the Grade A milk product container, the last date on which the product may be sold. A 14-day sell-by period is specified.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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