

HOUSE BILL 357

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Health and Government Operations/Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Stull, Amedori, Bartlett, Bozman, G. Clagett,
Conway, Edwards, Elliott, Glassman, Hogan, James, Kelly, Krebs,
McKee, Myers, Parrott, Rudolph, Schisler, Shank, Sossi, Stocksdales,
Weldon, and Wood**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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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 Health and Mental
4 Hygiene to *adopt regulations that* establish the sell-by period for certain milk
5 products; and 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 2002 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) [A] THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH THE
13 SELL-BY PERIOD FOR A Grade A milk product that is cooled to, packaged, and stored
14 at 45 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
17 effect July 1, 2003.