HOUSE BILL 76

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By: **Delegate Miller** Requested: November 4, 2003 Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2004 Assigned to: Judiciary

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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

## Crimes - <del>Intentionally Causing a Person to Ingest</del> <u>Contaminating Food or</u> <u>Drink -</u> Bodily Fluid <u>or Bodily Substance</u>

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the crime of intentionally causing a person to ingest

5 bodily fluid without consent or by force or threat of force; defining a certain

6 term; and generally relating to intentionally causing a person to ingest bodily

7 fluid prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully contaminating,

8 attempting to contaminate, or conspiring to contaminate any drink, food, food

9 product, or food supply by adding bodily fluid or a bodily substance; and

10 generally relating to contaminating food or drink.

11 BY adding to repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article - Criminal Law

13 Section <u>3-215</u> <u>3-214(b)</u>

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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## Article - Criminal Law

19 <del>3 215.</del>

## 20 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BODILY FLUID" MEANS SEMINAL FLUID, BLOOD, URINE, 21 OR FECES.

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1 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY CAUSE ANOTHER TO INGEST BODILY

2 <del>FLUID:</del>

3 (1) WITHOUT CONSENT; OR

4 (2) BY FORCE OR THREAT OF FORCE.

5 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON

6 CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 2 YEARS AND NOT 7 EXCEEDING 10 YEARS.

8 <u>3-214.</u>

9 (b) <u>A person may not knowingly and willfully contaminate, attempt to</u>

10 contaminate, or conspire to contaminate any drink, food, food product, or food supply

11 by adding disease germs, bacteria, BODILY FLUID, A BODILY SUBSTANCE, poison, or

12 poisonous matter.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take

14 effect October 1, 2004.

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