

# HOUSE BILL 527

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By: **Delegate Cardin**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Olive Oil – Standards for Sale in State**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt  
4 regulations establishing certain standards for olive oil sold in the State;  
5 prohibiting the sale of olive oil in the State that does not meet these standards;  
6 authorizing the Secretary to seize or condemn olive oil sold in the State in  
7 violation of this Act; and generally relating to the oversight of olive oil sold in  
8 the State.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – Health – General  
11 Section 21–330.1  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **21–330.1.**

18 (A) (1) **THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING**  
19 **STANDARDS FOR THE PURITY, QUALITY, AND LABELING OF OLIVE OIL SOLD IN**  
20 **THE STATE.**

21 (2) **THE STANDARDS REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
22 **SUBSECTION SHALL CONFORM TO THE STANDARDS SET FORTH BY THE**  
23 **INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) OLIVE OIL MAY NOT BE SOLD IN THE STATE UNLESS IT MEETS THE**  
2 **STANDARDS ADOPTED BY REGULATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**  
3 **SECTION.**

4           **(C) IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTIES SET FORTH IN § 21-1214 OF THIS**  
5 **TITLE, THE SECRETARY MAY SEIZE OR CONDEMN OLIVE OIL SOLD IN THE STATE**  
6 **IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.**

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2009.