

HOUSE BILL 1392

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By: **Delegate Waldstreicher**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2014

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Wholesome Meat Act – Prohibitions – Equines and Equine Meat**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from buying, selling, transporting, or offering
4 or receiving for sale or transportation any equine carcass or the meat of any
5 equine if the person knows or reasonably should know that the carcass or meat
6 will be used for human consumption; prohibiting a person from buying, selling,
7 transporting, or offering or receiving for sale or transportation any equine if the
8 person knows or reasonably should know that the equine is intended for
9 slaughter for human consumption; and generally relating to equines, equine
10 carcasses, and the meat of equines.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Agriculture
13 Section 4–123(19) and (20)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Agriculture
18 Section 4–123(21)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Agriculture**

24 4–123.

25 No person may commit or cause the commission of any of the following acts:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (19) Giving or paying anything of value to any person employed to
2 perform any official duties under this subtitle; [or]

3 (20) Receiving by any person, employed to perform any official duties
4 under this subtitle, anything of value, given or paid by any person, to influence his
5 official actions; OR

6 **(21) BUYING, SELLING, TRANSPORTING, OR OFFERING OR**
7 **RECEIVING FOR SALE OR TRANSPORTATION:**

8 **(I) ANY EQUINE CARCASS OR THE MEAT OF ANY EQUINE IF**
9 **THE PERSON KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT THE CARCASS OR**
10 **MEAT WILL BE USED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION; OR**

11 **(II) ANY EQUINE IF THE PERSON KNOWS OR REASONABLY**
12 **SHOULD KNOW THAT THE EQUINE IS INTENDED FOR SLAUGHTER FOR HUMAN**
13 **CONSUMPTION.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2014.