

HOUSE BILL 610

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Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Food Service Facilities – Food Containing Insect Flour – Labeling**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting food service facilities from serving food containing or
4 consisting of insect flour unless certain menus and notices contain a certain label;
5 and generally relating to food containing insect flour.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Health – General

8 Section 21–330.4

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2023 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article – Health – General**

14 **21–330.4.**

15 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “INSECT FLOUR” MEANS A POWDERED FOOD
16 PRODUCT THAT CONSISTS OF GROUND INSECTS.

17 (B) A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY MAY NOT SERVE FOOD CONTAINING OR
18 CONSISTING OF INSECT FLOUR IN THE STATE UNLESS ANY MENU OR NOTICE THAT
19 INCLUDES A FOOD CONTAINING OR CONSISTING OF INSECT FLOUR CLEARLY AND
20 CONSPICUOUSLY LABELS THE FOOD WITH THE TERM “INSECT FLOUR”.

21 (C) IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTIES SET FORTH IN § 21–1214 OF THIS
22 TITLE, THE SECRETARY MAY SEIZE OR CONDEMN ANY FOOD SERVED IN VIOLATION

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **OF THIS SECTION.**

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
3 October 1, 2024.