

HOUSE BILL 1223

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2026
Assigned to: Health

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Farmers Markets – Street Food Vending Zones – Requirements**

3 **PG 411–26**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county to designate areas adjacent to a farmers market
5 as a street food vending zone; requiring vendors selling certain food in a street food
6 vending zone to meet certain requirements; and generally relating to farmers
7 markets and street food vending zones.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 21–330.5

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **21–330.5.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “VENDOR” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OPERATES:**

18 **(1) A MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN § 21–304 OF**
19 **THIS SUBTITLE; OR**

20 **(2) A COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) A COUNTY MAY DESIGNATE AREAS ADJACENT TO A FARMERS MARKET**
2 **AS A STREET FOOD VENDING ZONE.**

3 **(C) A VENDOR SELLING FOOD, OTHER THAN RAW AGRICULTURAL**
4 **PRODUCTS AS DEFINED IN § 21-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN THE STREET FOOD**
5 **VENDING ZONE SHALL:**

6 **(1) RESIDE WITHIN A GEOGRAPHIC AREA DETERMINED BY THE**
7 **RULES OR BYLAWS OF THE FARMERS MARKET;**

8 **(2) BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE FOOD SERVICE LAWS; AND**

9 **(3) MEET THE FARMERS MARKET MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA AND**
10 **OPERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2026.