

HOUSE BILL 1223

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~**Farmers Markets—Street Food Vending Zones—Requirements**~~
3 ~~**Prince George's County Workgroup on Farmers Markets and Street Vending**~~
4 ~~**Zones**~~

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

10 ~~BY adding to~~
11 ~~Article—Health—General~~
12 ~~Section 21-330.5~~
13 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
14 ~~(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

15 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Workgroup on Farmers
16 Markets and Street Vending Zones; and generally relating to the Prince George's
17 County Workgroup on Farmers Markets and Street Vending Zones.

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

20 ~~**Article—Health—General**~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~21-330.5.~~

2 (A) ~~IN THIS SECTION, "VENDOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OPERATES:~~

3 (1) ~~A MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN § 21-304 OF~~
4 ~~THIS SUBTITLE; OR~~

5 (2) ~~A COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESS.~~

6 (B) ~~A COUNTY MAY DESIGNATE AREAS ADJACENT TO A FARMERS MARKET~~
7 ~~AS A STREET FOOD VENDING ZONE.~~

8 (C) ~~A VENDOR SELLING FOOD, OTHER THAN RAW AGRICULTURAL~~
9 ~~PRODUCTS AS DEFINED IN § 21-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN THE STREET FOOD~~
10 ~~VENDING ZONE SHALL:~~

11 (1) ~~RESIDE WITHIN A GEOGRAPHIC AREA DETERMINED BY THE~~
12 ~~RULES OR BYLAWS OF THE FARMERS MARKET;~~

13 (2) ~~BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE FOOD SERVICE LAWS; AND~~

14 (3) ~~MEET THE FARMERS MARKET MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA AND~~
15 ~~OPERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS.~~

16 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~
17 ~~October 1, 2026.~~

18 (a) There is a Prince George's County Workgroup on Farmers Markets and Street
19 Vending Zones.

20 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

21 (1) the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, or the
22 Chair's designee;

23 (2) the Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation, or the
24 Chair's designee;

25 (3) the County Executive of Prince George's County, or the County
26 Executive's designee;

27 (4) two representatives of the Prince George's County Council, appointed
28 by the Chair of the County Council;

1 (5) the following members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
2 Delegates:

3 (i) one representative of the vending community;

4 (ii) one representative of the nonvending community that is affected
5 by the vending;

6 (iii) one representative of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network;
7 and

8 (iv) one community advocate from the Crossroads Farmers Market;
9 and

10 (6) the following members, appointed by the County Executive of Prince
11 George's County:

12 (i) one representative of the Prince George's County Police
13 Department;

14 (ii) one representative of the Prince George's County Department of
15 Permitting Inspection and Enforcement;

16 (iii) one representative of the Prince George's County Health
17 Department; and

18 (iv) one representative of the Prince George's County Department of
19 Public Works and Transportation.

20 (c) The County Executive shall designate the chair of the Workgroup.

21 (d) The Prince George's County Council shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

22 (e) A member of the Workgroup:

23 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

24 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
25 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

26 (f) The Workgroup shall:

27 (1) identify and review any current regulations or permitting for farmers
28 markets and street vending;

29 (2) examine how other counties in the State regulate or permit farmers
30 markets and street vendors;

1 (3) identify any safety, health, or environmental concerns related to
2 farmers markets and street vendors;

3 (4) identify any community concerns about farmers markets and street
4 vendors; and

5 (5) make recommendations on establishing a framework to provide the
6 regulation and permitting of farmers markets and street vendors.

7 (g) On or before December 1, 2026, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
8 recommendations to, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the
9 Chair of the Prince George’s County Senate Delegation and the Chair of the Prince George’s
10 County House Delegation and the Chair of the Prince George’s County Council and the
11 County Executive of Prince George’s County.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2027, this
14 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
15 further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.