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SB866 Public Health - Chain Restaurants - Sodium and Added Sugars Warning Icons
Finance Committee
February 25, 2026

Position: Unfavorable

Background: SB866 would require restaurants with at least 20 locations to add specific icons to menu items to indicate sodium and sugar content.

Comments: The Maryland Retailers Alliance (MRA) is opposed to the passage of SB866 Public Health - Chain Restaurants - Sodium and Added Sugars Warning Icons, which would require restaurants with at least 20 locations to add additional icons to menu items to indicate added sugars and sodium content. Federal law already requires restaurants with at least 20 locations to provide nutritional information, including but not limited to sodium and total sugar content, for all menu items to patrons upon request. Restaurants often post their menu and nutritional information online, meaning customers are able to review the nutritional information of all food items before choosing to patronize specific restaurants or can independently access this information while reviewing the menu in a restaurant. Restaurant employees can provide the information or assist with access at any time should a patron require it. With this access already in place, the requirements proposed by SB866 are duplicative and unnecessary.

For these reasons, MRA would respectfully urge an unfavorable report on SB866. Thank you for your consideration.