

HOUSE BILL 1357

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By: **Delegate Qi**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Packaged Ice – Testing**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a person who manufactures packaged ice for sale in the State
4 to conduct a test on the final packaged ice product for contamination with certain
5 frequency, maintain a record of the test results for a certain period of time, provide
6 the test results on request by a representative of the Maryland Department of
7 Health, and follow certain procedures if the test shows that the packaged ice is not
8 safe for human consumption; and generally relating to testing packaged ice.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General

11 Section 21–215

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **21–215.**

18 **(A) A PERSON WHO MANUFACTURES PACKAGED ICE FOR SALE IN THE**
19 **STATE SHALL:**

20 **(1) AT LEAST ONCE DURING EACH 3–MONTH PERIOD, TEST THE FINAL**
21 **PACKAGED ICE PRODUCT FOR CONTAMINATION IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE**
22 **DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE ICE IS SAFE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION;**

23 **(2) MAINTAIN THE RESULTS OF A TEST CONDUCTED UNDER ITEM (1)**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS AFTER THE DAY ON WHICH THE TEST
2 WAS CONDUCTED;

3 (3) ON REQUEST OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT,
4 PROVIDE THE RESULTS OF A TEST CONDUCTED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS
5 SUBSECTION DURING AN INSPECTION BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
6 DEPARTMENT; AND

7 (4) IF THE RESULTS OF A TEST CONDUCTED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS
8 SUBSECTION SHOW THAT THE PACKAGED ICE IS NOT SAFE FOR HUMAN
9 CONSUMPTION, FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER
10 SUBSECTION (B)(3) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
12 SECTION, INCLUDING:

13 (1) STANDARDS FOR THE LEVELS OF CONTAMINANTS IN PACKAGED
14 ICE THAT A MANUFACTURER MUST MEET THAT ARE AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS
15 FEDERAL AND STATE STANDARDS FOR SELLING ICE IN THE STATE;

16 (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR TESTING CONDUCTED UNDER SUBSECTION
17 (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND

18 (3) A PROCEDURE CONSISTENT WITH § 21-211 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO
19 BE FOLLOWED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND A MANUFACTURER IF THE RESULTS OF A
20 TEST CONDUCTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHOW THAT THE
21 PACKAGED ICE IS NOT SAFE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2022.