

# HOUSE BILL 815

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture – Milk and Milk–Based Products – Labeling**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from selling, offering for sale, or advertising a  
4 product labeled as milk or a milk–based product if the product is not derived from a  
5 cow or another animal; defining a certain term; and generally relating to labeling for  
6 milk and milk–based products.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Agriculture

9 Section 10–401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4. Milk and Milk–Based  
10 Products”

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Agriculture**

16 **SUBTITLE 4. MILK AND MILK–BASED PRODUCTS.**

17 **10–401.**

18 **(A) (1) IN THIS SUBTITLE, “MILK” MEANS THE LACTEAL SECRETION OF**  
19 **COWS OR OTHER ANIMALS.**

20 **(2) “MILK” INCLUDES ALL SKIM, BUTTERFAT, OR OTHER**  
21 **CONSTITUENTS OBTAINED FROM SEPARATION OR OTHER PROCESSES.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, OR ADVERTISE A PRODUCT**  
2 **LABELED AS MILK OR A MILK-BASED PRODUCT IF THE PRODUCT IS NOT DERIVED**  
3 **FROM A COW OR ANOTHER ANIMAL.**

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2019.