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COUNCIL BILL NO. 46

AN ACT to add new Sections [[3.700 through 3.710]] 12.700 THROUGH 12.709, inclusive, of title [[3]] 12 of the Howard County Code Title [{"Buildings"}] "HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES" to follow immediately after Section [[3.616]] 12.607 thereof and to be under the new subtitle 7 "Rat Control" setting out policy and establishing a rat control commission; defining certain terms; providing for rat-proofing of food businesses; authorizing the [[Director of Public Works]] COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER to require food businesses be rat-proofed and empowering him to establish rules and regulations; providing a penalty, and inspection; and further providing for complaints and giving supplementary power to the Health Department and generally relating thereto.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND, that new Sections [[3.700 through 3.710,]] 12.700 THROUGH 12.709 INCLUSIVE, OF TITLE [[3]] 12 be and are hereby added to the Howard County Code, Title [{"Buildings"}] "HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES," to follow immediately after Section [[3.616]] 12.607 thereof, to be under the new subtitle 7 "Rat Control," and to read as follows:

## RAT CONTROL

## [[3]] 12.700 POLICY AND PURPOSE

IT IS POLICY AND PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THOSE CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD TEND TO CREATE RAT INFESTATIONS AND RAT HARBORAGE IN BUSINESS STRUCTURES OF WHICH THE PRINCIPLE PURPOSE IS THE SALE OR STORAGE OF FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF HOWARD COUNTY.

## [[3]] 12.701 RAT CONTROL COMMISSION

(A) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAY ESTABLISH A RAT CONTROL COMMISSION TO SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION