

for sale to certain consumers; removing certain restrictions relating to the modification of this requirement; adding an exception to this requirement to apply to certain processors and manufacturers with certain limitations; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health
Section 574
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

574.

(A) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall periodically review the keeping quality of milk and milk products by scientific shelf-life studies, recognizing the different methods of pasteurization, and shall establish, only after public hearings, by regulation the maximum period during which [such] THESE designated products may be offered for sale.

(B) A ~~MINIMUM~~ period of 7 days [will] SHALL be permitted, prior to purchasing or delivery to the ultimate consumer, provided the designated milk products are cooled, packaged and stored at 45° F or less.

~~-†-This--period--of~~ THE temperature may, only after public hearings, be further modified by regulation adopted by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene when substantiated by scientific study. ~~-†-~~

(C) ~~PERIODS EXCEEDING 7~~ UP TO 5 ADDITIONAL DAYS SHALL BE PERMITTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR PROCESSORS OR MANUFACTURERS, ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, UPON REQUEST, AND ONLY WHEN THE REQUEST IS SUPPORTED BY A SCIENTIFIC SHELF-LIFE STUDY ACCEPTABLE TO THE SECRETARY.

(D) The last day which [such] THESE products may be offered for sale shall be conspicuously marked on the container in a way and manner prescribed by regulation, adopted after public hearings.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 14, 1979.