

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 418

(House Bill 209)

AN ACT concerning

Regulation of Food Establishments – Excluded Organizations

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “excluded organization” to ~~expand the period of time in which certain organizations may serve food to the public under certain separate regulations of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ allow certain organizations to serve food to the public for up to 14 consecutive days once a year; and generally relating to the regulation of food establishments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 21-301(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 21-303 and 21-304

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

21-301.

(e) “Excluded organization” means a volunteer fire company or bona fide nonprofit fraternal, civic, war veterans’, religious, or charitable organization or corporation ~~which that does not serve food to the public more often than 4 days per week} SERVES FOOD TO THE PUBLIC NO MORE THAN 14 CONSECUTIVE DAYS FOUR TIMES A YEAR EXCEPT THAT ONCE A YEAR AN ORGANIZATION MAY SERVE FOOD TO THE PUBLIC FOR UP TO 14 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.~~

21-303.

The purpose of this subtitle is to provide that all food establishments in this State are constructed, operated, and maintained in a manner that assures that all food