

manufactured, processed, stored, or prepared for human consumption is done so under conditions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

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(a) (1) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.

(2) For excluded organizations, the Department:

(i) Shall adopt separate regulations that establish minimum standards that:

1. Ensure food integrity and safety;
2. Preserve public health; and
3. Control foodborne illnesses; and

(ii) May adopt separate regulations that establish a licensing system, with appropriate standards, that excluded organizations may voluntarily choose to submit to as a nonrescindable alternative to regulation under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

(b) A political subdivision may not adopt a law, ordinance, rule, or regulation that establishes a standard that is less stringent than rules and regulations adopted under this subtitle.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this subtitle does not limit the power of a home rule or charter county or Baltimore City to adopt and enforce laws, ordinances, and regulations that are consistent with the purposes of this subtitle, including the power to adopt local licensing and enforcement procedures.

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

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 419

(House Bill 212)

AN ACT concerning

Family Beer and Wine Facility Permit – Sampling Privileges

FOR the purpose of altering the fee for a family beer and wine facility permit; adding a sampling privilege to holders of the family beer and wine facility permit; specifying the sampling privilege; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the family beer and wine facility permit and a sampling privilege.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages