

[(b)](C) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or to imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 139

(House Bill 555)

AN ACT concerning

Task Force on Food Allergies and Restaurant Patrons - Extension of Time to Report Recommendations

FOR the purpose of extending the time by which the Task Force on Food Allergies and Restaurant Patrons is required to report to the General Assembly; extending a certain termination date that applies to the Task Force; and generally relating to the Task Force on Food Allergies and Restaurant Patrons.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 226 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999

Section 1(e) and 2

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

Chapter 226 of the Acts of 1999

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(e) The Task Force shall:

(1) examine the concerns of, and problems encountered by, individuals with a food allergy who eat in restaurants;

(2) consult with the federal Food and Drug Administration on food labeling laws and policies;

(3) recommend measures to address the problems and concerns identified by the Task Force; and

(4) report its recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly by December 1, [2000] 2001.