

CHAPTER 376

(House Bill 780)

AN ACT concerning

Food Establishments - Volunteer Fire Companies - Unlicensed Operation

FOR the purpose of altering the number of days each year that a volunteer fire company may operate a food establishment without a license; requiring a volunteer fire company to provide a certain notice to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the unlicensed operation of a food establishment by a volunteer fire company.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 21-301(a), (f), (h), and (i) and 21-305(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 21-301(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 21-304.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 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.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) "Excluded organization" means:

(1) [a volunteer fire company or] A bona fide nonprofit fraternal, civic, war veterans', religious, or charitable organization or corporation that does not serve food to the public more often than 4 days per week except that once a year an organization may serve food to the public for up to 14 consecutive days; AND

(2) A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY THAT DOES NOT SERVE FOOD TO THE PUBLIC MORE OFTEN THAN 4 DAYS PER WEEK EXCEPT THAT ONCE A YEAR A