

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.

(b) (1) "Bottled water" means any water that is sealed in bottles, PACKAGES, or other containers [for:

(i) Drinking;

(ii) Cooking; or

(iii) Other purposes making it likely that the water will be ingested by human beings.

(2) (i) "Bottled water" may:

1. Include natural or added carbonation; and

2. Be prepared with added flavors, extracts, or essences that are derived from a spice or fruit and that comprise less than 1 percent by weight of the final product; but

(ii) "Bottled water" may not contain any sweetener, acidulent, or additive other than the flavors, extracts, or essences authorized under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph] AND OFFERED FOR SALE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, INCLUDING BOTTLED MINERAL WATER.

[(3)](2) "Bottled water" does not include:

(i) Soft drinks; or

(ii) A beverage that is labeled "club soda" or "seltzer water".

(k) (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection, "soft drink" means any nonalcoholic beverage.

(2) "Soft drink" does not include: