

# CHAPTER 112

(House Bill 1079)

AN ACT concerning

## Consumer Protection - Halal Food Products

FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons, that represent to the public that any unpackaged food that is sold or served is halal, to prominently and conspicuously display on the premises a certain disclosure statement; requiring the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to develop and make available a form for certain disclosure statements; requiring the disclosure statement to contain certain information; establishing certain duties of a person that displays a certain disclosure statement; prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, or display for sale of certain food unless certain signs with certain words are displayed; prohibiting a person from falsely representing certain food as halal; establishing a certain presumption; prohibiting certain acts relating to the marking, stamping, tagging, branding, labeling, or other means of identifying halal food products; providing that a violation of this Act is an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and is subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to halal food products.

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law

Section 14-3601 through 14-3604 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 36. Halal Food Products"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

### Article - Commercial Law

#### SUBTITLE 36. HALAL FOOD PRODUCTS.

14-3601.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.