HOUSE BILL 9

E4 (5lr1371)

ENROLLED BILL

— Environment and Transportation/Education, Energy, and the Environment —

Introduced by Delegate Charkoudian <u>Delegates Charkoudian</u>, <u>Behler</u>, <u>Boyce</u>, Foley, Lehman, Ruth, and Terrasa

Read and	Examined	by Proofi	readers:			
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Sealed with the Great Seal and	presented	to the	Governor,	for his a	approval	this
day of	at			_ o'clock,		M.
					Spea	aker.
	CHAPTER	·				
AN ACT concerning						
Public Safety - Food System	Resilienc	y Counci	l – Defini	tions and	Report	\mathbf{s}
FOR the purpose of defining "health to the Food System Resilie requirements and altering ce relating to the Food System R	ency Coun- ertain ongo	cil; repea	aling certa	in outdat	ed repo	rting
BY repealing and reenacting, with a Article – Public Safety Section 14–1101 Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume ar (As enacted by Chapter 49 of the second	nd 2024 Su	pplement	•	oly of 2023)	

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

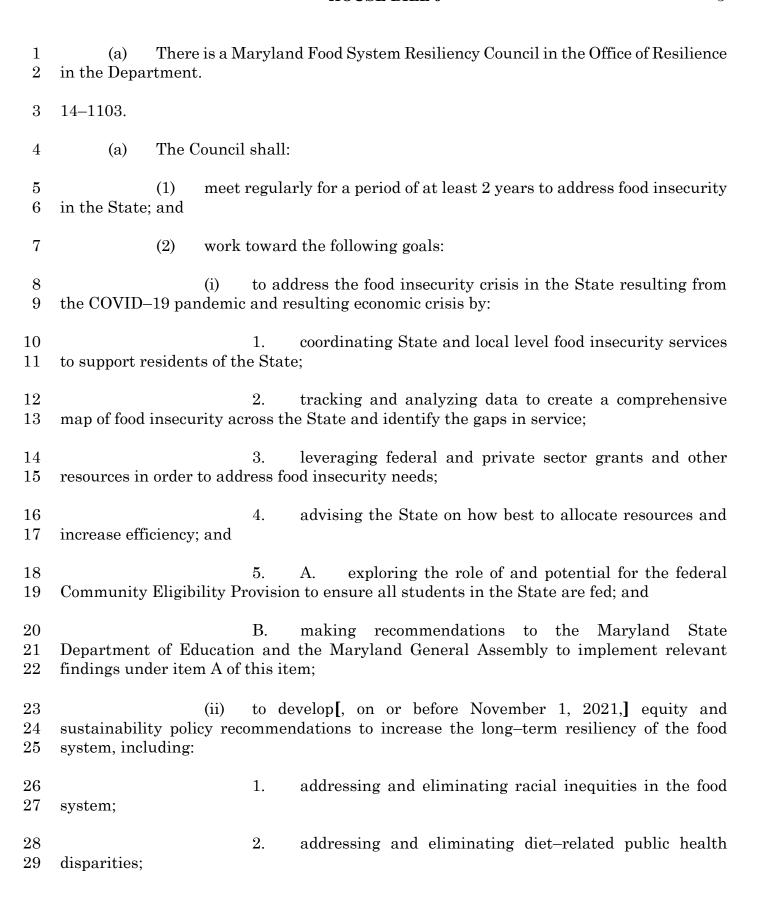
Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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14-1102.

1 2 3 4 5	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Public Safety Section 14–1102(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
6 7 8 9 10	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Public Safety Section 14–1103 Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
11 12	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
13	Article - Public Safety
14	14–1101.
15	(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
16	(b) "Council" means the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council.
17 18	(c) "Food council organization" means a local food council organization that is established in the State.
19 20 21	(d) "HEALTHY FOOD PRIORITY AREAS" MEANS PREDOMINANTLY LOWER-INCOME AREAS THAT HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO RETAIL OUTLETS THAT SELL AFFORDABLE, HEALTHY FOODS.
22	(E) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Emergency Management.
23 24	(F) "WASTED FOOD" MEANS FOOD NOT USED FOR ITS INTENDED PURPOSE THAT IS MANAGED IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, INCLUDING:
25	(1) DONATIONS TO FEED PEOPLE;
26	(2) THE CREATION OF ANIMAL FEED;
27	(3) COMPOSTING;
28	(4) ANAEROBIC DIGESTION; OR
29	(5) DISPOSAL IN LANDFILLS OR COMBUSTION FACILITIES.



$1\\2$	3. addressing and eliminating [food deserts] LIMITED FOOD OPTIONS AND FOOD SCARCITY THAT EXIST IN HEALTHY FOOD PRIORITY AREAS; and
3 4	4. reducing WASTED food [waste] , increasing recycling, and encouraging other relevant environmental impacts;
5 6 7	5. IN URBAN, SUBURBAN, AND RURAL SETTINGS, INCREASING THE QUANTITY, QUALITY AGGREGATION, MARKETING, AND DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL FOOD;
8 9 10	6. INCREASING THE PROCUREMENT OF LOCAL FOOD THROUGH SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS;
11 12	7. <u>CREATING ADDITIONAL MARKET OPPORTUNITIES</u> FOR MARYLAND FOOD BUSINESSES; AND
13 14	8. EXPANDING ACCESS TO SMALL SCALE MANUFACTURING AND FOOD PRODUCTION INFRASTRUCTURE; AND
15	(iii) to expand the impact of existing food council organizations by:
16 17	1. providing coordination and facilitation of knowledge exchange at the State level; and
18 19	2. supporting identification and application of grants to operating funds to support existing and new food council organizations as needed; and
20 21 22	(iv) to develop[, on or before November 1, 2021,] AND PERIODICALLY UPDATE a strategic plan to increase the production and procurement of Maryland certified food, including:
23 24 25	1. increasing the quality and quantity of production, as well as aggregation, marketing, and distribution of local food in urban, suburban, and rural settings;
26 27	2. increasing procurement of local food through schools, universities, and other institutions;
28 29	3. creating additional market opportunities for Maryland food-businesses; and
30 31	4. expanding access to small scale manufacturing and food production infrastructure.

1 To advance the goals of the Council, the Council shall engage and collaborate (b) 2 with interested stakeholders, including: 3 (1) residents of the State with lived experience of food insecurity; and 4 (2)food council organizations and similar local level food system convening 5 organizations. 6 (c) (1)On or before November 1, 2021, the Council shall submit an interim 7 report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government 8 Article, on key findings and activities undertaken by the Council. 9 On or before November 1, 2022 the Council shall submit a report to the 10 General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the Council's recommendations for a long term structure for a statewide food policy council 11 12 including providing recommendations on: 13 (i) appropriate policy and legislative changes; 14 (ii) potential ways to restructure the Council such as: placing the Council within a different agency or 15 1. 16 organization; and 17 2. enacting a sunset provision for the Council; and any other recommendations of the Council. 18 (iii) 19 On or before November 1, 2023, and each year thereafter, the Council 20 shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State 21Government Article, on key findings, APPROPRIATE POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE 22 CHANGES, and activities undertaken by the Council. 23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

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October 1, 2025.