

HOUSE BILL 606

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Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2023

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Food Products Containing Insect Flour – Labeling**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the sale of food products containing or consisting of insect
4 flour unless the packaging contains a certain label; prohibiting food service facilities
5 from serving food containing or consisting of insect flour unless certain menus and
6 notices contain a certain label; and generally relating to food products containing
7 insect flour.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 21–330.3

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **21–330.3.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “INSECT FLOUR” MEANS A POWDERED FOOD**
18 **PRODUCT THAT CONSISTS OF GROUND INSECTS.**

19 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL A FOOD PRODUCT CONTAINING OR**
20 **CONSISTING OF INSECT FLOUR IN THE STATE UNLESS THE PACKAGING OF THE FOOD**
21 **PRODUCT IS CLEARLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY LABELED WITH THE TERM “INSECT**
22 **FLOUR”.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY MAY NOT SERVE FOOD CONTAINING OR**
2 **CONSISTING OF INSECT FLOUR IN THE STATE UNLESS ANY MENU OR NOTICE THAT**
3 **INCLUDES A FOOD CONTAINING OR CONSISTING OF INSECT FLOUR CLEARLY AND**
4 **CONSPICUOUSLY LABELS THE FOOD WITH THE TERM “INSECT FLOUR”.**

5 **(D) IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTIES SET FORTH IN § 21-1214 OF THIS**
6 **TITLE, THE SECRETARY MAY SEIZE OR CONDEMN ANY FOOD PRODUCT OR FOOD**
7 **SOLD OR SERVED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2023.