

HOUSE BILL 1206

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By: **Delegate Mautz**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – COVID–19–Related Order Violations – Notice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a local health officer, within a certain time period after
4 receiving an anonymous tip alleging that a business is in violation of a
5 COVID–19–related order, to provide notice to the business; requiring the local health
6 officer to provide the business with certain information; prohibiting the local health
7 officer from providing the business with certain information; defining certain terms;
8 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the enforcement
9 of COVID–19–related orders.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (2) “COVID–19” means, interchangeably and collectively, the coronavirus
14 known as COVID–19 or 2019–nCoV and the SARS–CoV–2 virus.

15 (3) “COVID–19–related order” means any State, county, or local order that
16 includes restrictions intended to limit the spread of COVID–19.

17 (b) (1) Within 24 hours after receiving an anonymous tip alleging that a
18 business is in violation of a COVID–19–related order, a local health officer shall notify the
19 business of the anonymous tip.

20 (2) When making a notification under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the
21 local health officer:

22 (i) shall provide the business with information regarding the
23 anonymous tip that would help determine the nature and veracity of the anonymous tip;
24 and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) may not provide the business with the name of the person who
2 submitted the anonymous tip.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
4 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June
5 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
6 abrogated and of no further force and effect.