

HOUSE BILL 516

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By: **Delegate Love**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2023

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture – Use of Antimicrobial Drugs – Reporting Deadlines**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the date on which the Department of Agriculture must submit
4 a certain annual report regarding the use of medically important antimicrobial drugs
5 in cattle, swine, and poultry to the General Assembly; and generally relating to the
6 use of medically important antimicrobial drugs in cattle, swine, and poultry.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Agriculture
9 Section 3–1004
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

Article – Agriculture

14 3–1004.

16 (a) Each year the Department shall collect publicly available data on the use in
17 the State of medically important antimicrobial drugs in cattle, swine, and poultry from:

- 18 (1) The U.S. Department of Agriculture;
- 19 (2) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- 20 (3) The U.S. Food and Drug Administration; and
- 21 (4) Appropriate national and State trade associations, organizations, and
22 councils.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) On or before February 1[, 2021, and each February 1 thereafter] **EACH YEAR**,
2 a licensed veterinarian shall submit to the Department, in a manner determined by the
3 Department:

4 (1) A copy of the record prescribing the medically important antimicrobial
5 drug or a copy of the veterinary feed directive for each medically important antimicrobial
6 drug, as listed in Appendix A of the federal Food and Drug Administration's Guidance for
7 Industry #152, administered in feed or water to cattle, swine, or poultry during the previous
8 calendar year; and

9 (2) An accounting, as provided by the owner, of the total number of animals
10 raised during the previous calendar year, categorized by species and production class.

11 (c) (1) On or before [February 1, 2020, and each February 1 thereafter] **JULY**
12 **1 EACH YEAR**, the Department shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with §
13 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the data collected under subsections (a) and (b)
14 of this section.

15 (2) [On or before February 1, 2021, the] **THE** report shall include the
16 following information for the previous calendar year:

17 (i) The total number of animals raised on farm operations covered
18 by this subtitle, categorized by species and production class;

19 (ii) The specific antimicrobial active ingredients and classes of
20 antimicrobial active ingredients used;

21 (iii) The total weight of antimicrobial active ingredients used;

22 (iv) Indications for which veterinarians prescribed medically
23 important antimicrobial drugs; and

24 (v) Patterns of use for medically important antimicrobial drugs,
25 including duration and seasonal variation.

26 (3) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the information
27 required under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be disaggregated by county.

28 (ii) If there are two or fewer reporting farm operations in a particular
29 county for any of the categories described in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
30 Department may report the information for that category on a regional or statewide basis.

31 (d) The Department shall maintain all records and information relating to the
32 administration of medically important antimicrobial drugs submitted to the Department
33 under this section:

1 (1) In a manner that protects the identity of the owner, operator, and
2 veterinarian for whom the information was submitted; and

3 (2) For at least 5 years.

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