

he may remain in the service until the end of the school year following the date on which he attains the age of 70.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect ~~May~~ JUNE 1, 1971.

Approved May 17, 1971.

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CHAPTER 594

(House Bill 1136)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 170 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Adulteration of Food and Drink," subheading "Soft Drinks," relating to the ingredients of soft drinks, and, more particularly, artificial sweeteners.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 170 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Adulteration of Food and Drink," subheading "Soft Drinks," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

170.

For the purpose of Sections 162-174 all soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages, except nonalcoholic fruit juices, shall consist of a beverage made from pure cane, corn or beet sugar syrup or such other sweetening liquids or substances including artificial sweeteners as shall be permitted by the regulations of the [State Board of Health] *Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene*, containing pure flavoring material with or without added fruit acid, with or without added color, provided that nothing in Sections 162-174 shall prohibit the use of any other harmless ingredient in the manufacture of soft drinks or other nonalcoholic beverages; provided that in case pure cane or beet sugar syrups are used as the sole sweetening agents, the finished beverage shall contain no less than seven (7%) per cent by weight of sugar except in case of ginger ale which must contain not less than six (6%) per cent. [Provided further that when artificial sweeteners are used, they shall be entirely substituted.] The provisions of this section shall not apply to nonalcoholic beverages, made in imitation of beer, bitter drinks and other similar drinks. It is provided further that when artificial coal tar colors are used nothing but the certified colors as approved by the federal government are permissible.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 17, 1971.