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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2000

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County - Sales of Tobacco Products**  
3 **Ho. Co. 14-00**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing Howard County to regulate, by ordinance, the sale of  
5 cigarettes or other tobacco products; authorizing Howard County to require  
6 certain licenses or permits or otherwise restrict the sale of tobacco products  
7 notwithstanding the possession of a certain license; authorizing Howard County  
8 to suspend or revoke certain licenses and establish certain civil and criminal  
9 penalties for certain violations; authorizing Howard County to establish certain  
10 procedures or requirements under certain circumstances; and generally relating  
11 to regulation of the sale of cigarettes or other tobacco products in Howard  
12 County.

13 BY adding to  
14 The Public Local Laws of Howard County  
15 Section 12.650 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6A. Sales of Tobacco  
16 Products"  
17 Article 14 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
18 (1977 Edition and August 1999 Supplement, as amended)

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

21 **Article 14 - Howard County**

22 **SUBTITLE 6A. SALES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

23 12.650.

24 (A) HOWARD COUNTY MAY REGULATE, BY ORDINANCE, THE SALE OF  
25 CIGARETTES OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH,  
26 SAFETY, OR WELFARE.

1 (B) AN ORDINANCE ENACTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY  
2 REQUIRE A PERSON TO OBTAIN A COUNTY LICENSE OR PERMIT OR OTHERWISE  
3 RESTRICT THE SALE OF CIGARETTES OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS  
4 NOTWITHSTANDING THE POSSESSION OF A LICENSE REQUIRED UNDER TITLE 16 OF  
5 THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

6 (C) AN ORDINANCE ENACTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY:

7 (1) PROVIDE FOR THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A COUNTY  
8 LICENSE OR PERMIT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THE  
9 ORDINANCE;

10 (2) ESTABLISH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES NOT EXCEEDING THE  
11 PENALTIES AUTHORIZED UNDER ARTICLE 25A, § 5(A) OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF  
12 MARYLAND; AND

13 (3) ESTABLISH ANY PROCEDURE OR REQUIREMENT THAT THE COUNTY  
14 CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2000.