
By: **Chairman, Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental -
Comptroller)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation - Cigarette Licenses - Storage Warehouse**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of a cigarette storage warehouse
4 licensee; authorizing the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; and generally
5 relating to cigarette storage warehouse licenses.

6 BY adding to
7 Article - Business Regulation
8 Section 16-101(f) and (g) and 16-218(d)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2004 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Business Regulation
13 Section 16-203(b) and 16-206(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article - Business Regulation**

19 16-101.

20 (F) "STAMPED CIGARETTES" MEANS ANY PACK OF CIGARETTES BEARING THE
21 CIGARETTE STAMP ISSUED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER.

22 (G) (1) "UNSTAMPED CIGARETTES" MEANS ANY PACK OF CIGARETTES THAT
23 DOES NOT BEAR THE STAMP ISSUED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER.

24 (2) "UNSTAMPED CIGARETTES" INCLUDES CIGARETTES THAT BEAR
25 STAMPS ISSUED BY OTHER STATES.

1 16-203.

2 (b) An applicant for a license to act as a storage warehouse shall maintain an
3 established place of business for the storage of STAMPED AND unstamped cigarettes.
4 16-206.

5 (c) A storage warehouse license authorizes the licensee to operate a storage
6 facility in Maryland for the purpose of storing STAMPED AND unstamped cigarettes on
7 behalf of [a] licensed cigarette [manufacturer] MANUFACTURERS, LICENSED
8 CIGARETTE SUBWHOLESALERS, AND LICENSED CIGARETTE WHOLESALERS.

9 16-218.

10 (D) THE COMPTROLLER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE A
11 LICENSED STORAGE WAREHOUSE OPERATOR TO FILE REPORTS WITH THE
12 COMPTROLLER.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
14 effect June 1, 2005.