

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1335  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Bromwell)(By Request)

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**Health - Smoking - Public Playgrounds and Swimming Pools - Prohibition**

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This bill prohibits smoking on a public playground and in and around a swimming pool that is open for general admission to the public.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not materially affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect local governmental operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Maryland, except as otherwise specified, a person may not smoke in (1) an indoor area open to the public; (2) an indoor place in which meetings are open to the public; (3) a government-owned or government-operated means of mass transportation; or (4) an indoor place of employment. The prohibition does not apply to (1) private homes or residences; (2) a hotel or motel room as long as the total percent of rooms so used does not exceed 25%; (3) specified tobacco facilities and retail businesses; and (4) a laboratory for the purpose of conducting scientific research into the health effects of tobacco smoke.

**Background:** According to the thirty-second Surgeon General's report, *The Health Consequences of Smoking – 50 Years of Progress*, smoking rates among teens and adults are less than half what they were in 1964. However, 42 million American adults and 3 million middle and high school students continue to smoke.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 1351 of 2013 was referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee but received no further action.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Howard and Montgomery counties; Baltimore City; City of Bowie; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Maryland Association of Counties; Maryland Municipal League; U.S. Surgeon General; Department of Legislative Services

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