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HB 1416/13 – ECM (PRE–FILED)

By: **Delegate Barkley**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Vaportinis and Similar Devices – Prohibited

FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of "AWOL machine" to include a Vaportini or any similar device, so as to prohibit a Vaportini or any similar device from being used to inhale alcohol vapor or otherwise introduce alcohol in any form into the human body; and generally relating to devices that may be used to inhale alcohol vapor or otherwise introduce alcohol into the human body.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 16–505.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

16–505.1.

(a) In this section, "AWOL machine" means an Alcohol Without Liquid device**, A VAPORTINI, OR ANY SIMILAR DEVICE** that mixes an alcoholic product with pure oxygen or other gas to produce a vaporized product that can be inhaled.

(b) A person may not:

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

(1) Use an AWOL machine to inhale alcohol vapor or otherwise introduce alcohol in any form into the human body; or

(2) With the intent to introduce alcohol into the human body, possess, purchase, transfer, or offer for sale or use an AWOL machine.

(c) (1) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding $1,000.

(2) Each violation of this section is a separate offense.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.