

# SENATE BILL 669

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tobacco Products – Minimum Age and Civil Fines**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the age requirements for certain provisions of law relating to  
4 tobacco products; prohibiting a person from selling or dispensing tobacco products  
5 through a vending machine unless the machine is located in an establishment that  
6 an individual under a certain age is prohibited by law from entering; prohibiting the  
7 distribution of a tobacco product or tobacco paraphernalia to an individual under a  
8 certain age except under certain circumstances; prohibiting an individual under a  
9 certain age from using or possessing a tobacco product or cigarette rolling paper or  
10 from obtaining or attempting to obtain a tobacco product or cigarette rolling paper  
11 using false identification; establishing certain civil fines; prohibiting the distribution  
12 of a certain electronic nicotine delivery device or a certain product used to refill or  
13 resupply a certain electronic device to an individual under a certain age; altering a  
14 certain provision relating to budget appropriations by the Governor aimed at  
15 reducing tobacco use; altering a certain purpose of the Cigarette Restitution Fund;  
16 making conforming changes; and generally relating to the minimum age for the  
17 purchase of tobacco products.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Business Regulation  
20 Section 16–3A–02  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Article – Criminal Law  
25 Section 10–107 and 10–108  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article – Health – General  
3 Section 13–1015 and 24–305(b) and (d)  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Local Government  
8 Section 1–1203  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2013 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
13 Section 7–317  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

#### 18 Article – Business Regulation

19 16–3A–02.

20 A person may not sell or dispense or offer to sell or dispense a tobacco product  
21 through a vending machine in the State, unless the vending machine:

22 (1) is located in an establishment that [minors] **INDIVIDUALS UNDER**  
23 **THE AGE OF 21 YEARS** are prohibited by law from entering or an establishment that is a  
24 bona fide fraternal or veterans organization; or

25 (2) can only be operated with a token, card, or similar device that an  
26 individual can only obtain or purchase from the owner or an employee or agent of the owner.

#### 27 Article – Criminal Law

28 10–107.

29 (a) This section does not apply to the distribution of a coupon that is redeemable  
30 for a tobacco product, if the coupon is:

31 (1) contained in a newspaper, magazine, or other type of publication in  
32 which the coupon is incidental to the primary purpose of the publication; or

33 (2) sent through the mail.

1 (b) (1) This subsection does not apply to the distribution of a tobacco product  
2 or tobacco paraphernalia to [a minor] **AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS**  
3 who is acting solely as the agent of the [minor's] **INDIVIDUAL'S** employer if the employer  
4 distributes tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia for commercial purposes.

5 (2) A person who distributes tobacco products for commercial purposes,  
6 including a person licensed under Title 16 of the Business Regulation Article, may not  
7 distribute to [a minor] **AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS:**

8 (i) a tobacco product;

9 (ii) tobacco paraphernalia; or

10 (iii) a coupon redeemable for a tobacco product.

11 (c) A person not described in subsection (b)(2) of this section may not:

12 (1) purchase for or sell a tobacco product to [a minor] **AN INDIVIDUAL**  
13 **UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS;** or

14 (2) distribute tobacco paraphernalia to [a minor] **AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER**  
15 **THE AGE OF 21 YEARS.**

16 (d) In a prosecution for a violation of this section, it is a defense that the defendant  
17 examined the purchaser's or recipient's driver's license or other valid identification issued  
18 by an employer, government unit, or institution of higher education that positively  
19 identified the purchaser or recipient as at least [18] **21** years of age.

20 (e) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction  
21 is subject to a fine not exceeding:

22 (1) \$300 for a first violation;

23 (2) \$1,000 for a second violation occurring within 2 years after the first  
24 violation; and

25 (3) \$3,000 for each subsequent violation occurring within 2 years after the  
26 preceding violation.

27 (f) For purposes of this section, each separate incident at a different time and  
28 occasion is a violation.

29 10–108.

30 (a) [In this section, “violation” has the meaning stated in § 3–8A–01 of the Courts  
31 Article.

1 (b)] This section does not apply to the possession of a tobacco product or cigarette  
 2 rolling paper by [a minor] **AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS** who is acting  
 3 as the agent of the [minor's] **INDIVIDUAL'S** employer within the scope of employment.

4 [(c)] (B) [A minor] **AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS** may not:

5 (1) use or possess a tobacco product or cigarette rolling paper; or

6 (2) obtain or attempt to obtain a tobacco product or cigarette rolling paper  
 7 by using a form of identification that:

8 (i) is falsified; or

9 (ii) identifies an individual other than the [minor] **INDIVIDUAL**  
 10 **USING THE IDENTIFICATION.**

11 [(d)] (C) (1) A violation of this section is a civil offense.

12 (2) A minor who violates this section is subject to the procedures and  
 13 dispositions provided in Title 3, Subtitle 8A of the Courts Article.

14 (3) **AN ADULT WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE**  
 15 **OF:**

16 (I) **\$25 FOR A FIRST VIOLATION; AND**

17 (II) **\$50 FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION.**

18 [(e)] (D) A law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests shall issue a  
 19 citation to [a minor] **AN INDIVIDUAL** if the law enforcement officer has probable cause to  
 20 believe that the [minor] **INDIVIDUAL** is committing or has committed a violation of this  
 21 section.

## 22 Article – Health – General

23 13–1015.

24 (a) For fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012, the Governor shall include at least  
 25 \$6,000,000 in the annual budget in appropriations for activities aimed at reducing tobacco  
 26 use in Maryland as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
 27 including:

28 (1) Media campaigns aimed at reducing smoking initiation and  
 29 encouraging smokers to quit smoking;



1 (b) Subsection (c)(3) of this section does not apply to the distribution of a coupon  
2 that is redeemable for a tobacco product if the coupon:

3 (1) is contained in a newspaper, magazine, or other type of publication and  
4 the coupon is incidental to the primary purpose of the publication; or

5 (2) is sent through the mail.

6 (c) A person may not:

7 (1) distribute a tobacco product to [a minor] **AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE**  
8 **AGE OF 21 YEARS**, unless the [minor] **INDIVIDUAL** is acting solely as the agent of the  
9 [minor's] **INDIVIDUAL'S** employer who is engaged in the business of distributing tobacco  
10 products;

11 (2) distribute cigarette rolling papers to [a minor] **AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER**  
12 **THE AGE OF 21 YEARS**; or

13 (3) distribute to [a minor] **AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 21**  
14 **YEARS** a coupon redeemable for a tobacco product.

15 (d) A person has not violated this section if:

16 (1) the person examined the driver's license or other valid  
17 government-issued identification presented by the recipient of a tobacco product, cigarette  
18 rolling paper, or coupon redeemable for a tobacco product; and

19 (2) the license or other identification positively identified the recipient as  
20 being at least [18] **21** years old.

21 (e) (1) In Carroll County and St. Mary's County, a person who violates this  
22 section commits a civil infraction and is subject to a civil penalty of:

23 (i) \$300 for the first violation; and

24 (ii) \$500 for any subsequent violation within 24 months after the  
25 previous citation.

26 (2) In Cecil County, a person who violates this section commits a civil  
27 infraction and is subject to a civil penalty of:

28 (i) \$300 for the first violation;

29 (ii) \$500 for a second violation; and

30 (iii) \$750 for any subsequent violation.

1           (3) In Garrett County, a person who violates this section commits a civil  
2 infraction and is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$300.

3                           **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

4 7–317.

5           (a) There is a Cigarette Restitution Fund.

6           (b) (1) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to §  
7 7–302 of this subtitle.

8           (2) There shall be credited to the Fund all revenues consisting of funds  
9 received by the State from any source resulting, directly or indirectly, from any judgment  
10 against or settlement with tobacco product manufacturers, tobacco research associations,  
11 or any other person in the tobacco industry relating to litigation, administrative  
12 proceedings, or any other claims made or prosecuted by the State to recover damages for  
13 violations of State law.

14           (3) There shall be credited to the Fund all money collected under § 24–508  
15 of the Health – General Article or § 5–608 of the Labor and Employment Article.

16           (c) The Treasurer shall:

17           (1) invest and reinvest the Fund in the same manner as other State funds;  
18 and

19           (2) credit any investment earnings to the Fund.

20           (d) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made by an appropriation in the annual  
21 State budget.

22           (e) (1) The Fund shall be expended subject to any restrictions on its use or  
23 other limitations on its allocation that are:

24                   (i) expressly provided by statute;

25                   (ii) required as a condition of the acceptance of funds; or

26                   (iii) determined to be necessary to avoid recoupment by the federal  
27 government of money paid to the Fund.

28           (2) Disbursements from the Fund to programs funded by the State or with  
29 federal funds administered by the State shall be used solely to supplement, and not to  
30 supplant, funds otherwise available for the programs under federal or State law as provided  
31 in this section.

1 (f) (1) The Cigarette Restitution Fund shall be used to fund:

2 (i) the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program established  
3 under Title 13, Subtitle 10 of the Health – General Article;

4 (ii) the Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening, and Treatment  
5 Program established under Title 13, Subtitle 11 of the Health – General Article; and

6 (iii) other programs that serve the following purposes:

7 1. reduction of the use of tobacco products by [minors]  
8 **INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS;**

9 2. implementation of the Southern Maryland Regional  
10 Strategy–Action Plan for Agriculture adopted by the Tri–County Council for Southern  
11 Maryland with an emphasis on alternative crop uses for agricultural land now used for  
12 growing tobacco;

13 3. public and school education campaigns to decrease tobacco  
14 use with initial emphasis on areas targeted by tobacco manufacturers in marketing and  
15 promoting cigarette and tobacco products;

16 4. smoking cessation programs;

17 5. enforcement of the laws regarding tobacco sales;

18 6. the purposes of the Maryland Health Care Foundation  
19 under Title 20, Subtitle 5 of the Health – General Article;

20 7. primary health care in rural areas of the State and areas  
21 targeted by tobacco manufacturers in marketing and promoting cigarette and tobacco  
22 products;

23 8. prevention, treatment, and research concerning cancer,  
24 heart disease, lung disease, tobacco product use, and tobacco control, including operating  
25 costs and related capital projects;

26 9. substance abuse treatment and prevention programs; and

27 10. any other public purpose.

28 (2) The provisions of this subsection may not be construed to affect the  
29 Governor’s powers with respect to a request for an appropriation in the annual budget bill.

30 (g) (1) Amounts may only be expended from the Fund through appropriations  
31 in the State budget bill as provided in this subsection.



1           (2) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill appropriations  
2 from the Fund equivalent to the lesser of \$100,000,000 or 90% of the funds estimated to be  
3 available to the Fund in the fiscal year for which the appropriations are made.

4           (3) For each fiscal year for which appropriations are made, at least 50% of  
5 the appropriations shall be made for those purposes enumerated in subsection (f)(1)(i), (ii),  
6 and (iii)1 through 9 of this section subject to the requirement of subsection (e)(2) of this  
7 section.

8           (4) For each fiscal year for which appropriations are made, at least 30% of  
9 the appropriations shall be made for the purposes of the Maryland Medical Assistance  
10 Program.

11           (5) For each fiscal year for which appropriations are made, 0.15% of the  
12 Fund shall be appropriated for the purposes of enforcement of Title 16, Subtitle 5 of the  
13 Business Regulation Article.

14           (6) Any additional appropriations, not subject to paragraph (3), paragraph  
15 (4), or paragraph (5) of this subsection, may be made for any lawful purpose.

16           (h) For each program, project or activity receiving funds appropriated under  
17 subsection (g)(3) of this section, the Governor shall:

18           (1) develop appropriate statements of vision, mission, key goals, key  
19 objectives, and key performance indicators and report these statements in a discrete part  
20 of the State budget submission, which shall also provide data for key performance  
21 indicators; and

22           (2) report annually, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,  
23 to the General Assembly no later than November 1 on:

24           (i) total funds expended, by program and subdivision, in the prior  
25 fiscal year from the Fund established under this section; and

26           (ii) the specific outcomes or public benefits resulting from that  
27 expenditure.

28           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2017.