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House Bill 1294
Economic Matters

(Delegate Charles)

Public Health - Businesses and Retail Establishments - Hand Sanitizer

This bill requires any business or retail establishment that has a “touch screen” (defined as an electronic device containing an interface that may be operated by direct contact between an individual’s finger and the interface or the use of a stylus) for use by a customer to provide hand sanitizer at each touch screen. Hand sanitizer must be produced in compliance with U.S. Food and Drug Administration requirements and contain at least 60% alcohol. The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) may adopt regulations to implement the bill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MDH can adopt regulations using existing budgeted resources. Enforcement can likely be handled with existing budgeted resources, assuming enforcement is complaint-based. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: To the extent enforcement is delegated to local health departments, enforcement can likely be handled with existing resources, assuming enforcement is complaint-based. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no specifically relevant current law in statute.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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