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Support SB 499 - Prohibition on Vending Machine Sales of Drugs and Medicines - Repeal

The Issue

- Maryland is one of only four states that prohibit the sale of over-the-counter (OTC) medication in vending machines
- Current prohibition is an unnecessary burden on businesses looking to expand offerings
- The FDA has designated OTC medication safe to be sold in vending machines and has published guidelines on the sale of OTC drugs in vending machines
- Modern drug regulations address patient safety concerns regarding packaging, labeling, expired medication, etc.

SB 34 Primary Purposes and Functions

- Repeals outdated prohibition on the sale of OTC drugs in vending machines
- Expands access to OTC drugs such as Pepto-Bismol and allergy medications
- Allows for the installation of OTC vending machines in communities without pharmacies or in high traffic areas such as transit stations
- Allows small pharmacies to provide 24-hour service without needing more staff