

# HOUSE BILL 1180

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By: **Delegate Wilson**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices –**  
3 **Revisions**  
4 **(Tobacco Retail Modernization Act of 2024)**

5 FOR the purpose of prohibiting licensees that sell cigarettes, other tobacco products, or  
6 electronic smoking devices at retail from displaying cigarettes, other tobacco  
7 products, or electronic smoking devices for sale unless located behind a counter;  
8 requiring certain licensed retailers to verify an individual's date of birth before  
9 selling cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices in a certain  
10 manner; altering the application fee for a county license to sell cigarettes at retail;  
11 requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct at least two unannounced  
12 inspections of certain licensed retailers each year; repealing the electronic smoking  
13 device retail license; altering the definition of "vape shop vendor" to require that the  
14 vendor exclusively sell electronic smoking devices and related accessories to  
15 consumers on the premises of its place of business; requiring certain licensees to  
16 obtain an additional license in order to manufacture, distribute, or sell electronic  
17 smoking devices; altering the penalty for distributing tobacco products or tobacco  
18 paraphernalia to an individual under a certain age; authorizing the court to make  
19 certain recommendations to the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and  
20 Cannabis Commission regarding the suspension of certain licenses; prohibiting a  
21 pharmacy from selling tobacco products, other tobacco products, and electronic  
22 smoking devices; requiring the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission, in  
23 conjunction with the Maryland Department of Health, to submit a certain report on  
24 or before a certain date; and generally relating to the sale of cigarettes, other tobacco  
25 products, and electronic smoking devices.

26 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
27 Article – Business Regulation  
28 Section 16–201(a), (d), and (k) and 16.5–101(a), (f), (j), and (l)  
29 Annotated Code of Maryland  
30 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 BY adding to  
2 Article – Business Regulation  
3 Section 16–209.1, 16.5–214.2, and 16.7–204.2  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Business Regulation  
8 Section 16–302, 16–308.3, 16.5–217.1, 16.7–101, 16.7–102, 16.7–201, 16.7–202,  
9 16.7–203, 16.7–204, 16.7–204.1, 16.7–206, 16.7–211, and 16.7–213.1  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Criminal Law  
14 Section 10–107  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Health Occupations  
19 Section 12–403(c)(22) and (23)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 22 BY adding to  
23 Article – Health Occupations  
24 Section 12–403(c)(24)  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
26 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 27 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
28 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 29 **Article – Business Regulation**
- 30 16–201.
- 31 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 32 (d) “Licensed retailer” means a person licensed by the clerk under § 16–205(b) of  
33 this subtitle to act as a retailer.
- 34 (k) “Retailer” means a person who:

1 (1) sells cigarettes to consumers through vending machines on fewer than  
2 40 premises;

3 (2) otherwise sells cigarettes to consumers; or

4 (3) holds cigarettes for sale to consumers.

5 **16-209.1.**

6 (A) A LICENSED RETAILER MAY NOT DISPLAY CIGARETTES FOR SALE  
7 UNLESS THE CIGARETTES ARE LOCATED BEHIND A COUNTER IN AN AREA  
8 ACCESSIBLE ONLY TO THE LICENSED RETAILER AND EMPLOYEES OF THE LICENSED  
9 RETAILER.

10 (B) (1) A LICENSED RETAILER MAY NOT SELL CIGARETTES TO AN  
11 INDIVIDUAL UNLESS THE LICENSED RETAILER VERIFIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
12 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS:

13 (I) AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD; OR

14 (II) 1. AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD; AND

15 2. AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE MILITARY IN  
16 POSSESSION OF A VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION.

17 (2) A LICENSED RETAILER MAY VERIFY AN INDIVIDUAL'S AGE ONLY:

18 (I) BY MEANS OF A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO  
19 IDENTIFICATION CONTAINING THE INDIVIDUAL'S DATE OF BIRTH; AND

20 (II) IN A DIRECT FACE-TO-FACE EXCHANGE WITHOUT THE  
21 ASSISTANCE OF ANY ELECTRONIC OR MECHANICAL DEVICE.

22 **16-302.**

23 (a) For each county license, an applicant shall:

24 (1) submit an application to the clerk; and

25 (2) pay to the clerk a license fee of[:

26 (i) \$25 in a county other than Cecil County or Montgomery County;

27 (ii) \$50 in Cecil County; or

1 (iii) \$125 in Montgomery County] **\$300.**

2 (b) (1) From each license fee collected under subsection (a) of this section, the  
3 [Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County] **CLERK** shall distribute:

4 (i) \$25 to the Executive Director; and

5 (ii) \$100 to [Montgomery County] **THE COUNTY** to be used to  
6 enforce existing laws banning the sale or distribution of tobacco or tobacco products to  
7 individuals under the age of 21 years.

8 (2) Funds distributed under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection may not be  
9 used to supplant existing funding for the enforcement of laws banning the sale or  
10 distribution of tobacco or tobacco products to individuals under the age of 21 years.

11 16–308.3.

12 (a) The Maryland Department of Health [may] **SHALL** conduct **AT LEAST TWO**  
13 unannounced inspections of a licensed retailer to ensure the licensee’s compliance with the  
14 provisions of this title and § 10–107 of the Criminal Law Article **EACH YEAR.**

15 (b) The Maryland Department of Health may use an individual under the age of  
16 21 years to assist in conducting an inspection under this section.

17 16.5–101.

18 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (f) “Licensed other tobacco products retailer” means a person licensed by the  
20 clerk under § 16.5–204(b) of this title to act as an other tobacco products retailer.

21 (j) (1) “Other tobacco products” means, except as provided in paragraph (3) of  
22 this subsection, a product that is:

23 (i) intended for human consumption or likely to be consumed,  
24 whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, or ingested in any other  
25 manner, and that is made of or derived from, or that contains:

26 1. tobacco; or

27 2. nicotine; or

28 (ii) a component or part used in a consumable product described  
29 under item (i) of this paragraph.

30 (2) “Other tobacco products” includes:

- 1 (i) cigars, premium cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, and  
2 snus; and
- 3 (ii) filters, rolling papers, pipes, and hookahs.
- 4 (3) "Other tobacco products" does not include:
- 5 (i) cigarettes;
- 6 (ii) electronic smoking devices;
- 7 (iii) drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale by  
8 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;  
9 or
- 10 (iv) tobacco pipes, as defined under § 11–104 of the Tax – General  
11 Article.
- 12 (l) "Other tobacco products retailer" means a person who:
- 13 (1) sells other tobacco products to consumers; or
- 14 (2) holds other tobacco products for sale to consumers.

15 **16.5–214.2.**

16 **(A) A LICENSED OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS RETAILER MAY NOT DISPLAY**  
17 **OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR SALE UNLESS THE OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS**  
18 **ARE LOCATED BEHIND A COUNTER IN AN AREA ACCESSIBLE ONLY TO THE LICENSED**  
19 **OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS RETAILER AND EMPLOYEES OF THE LICENSED OTHER**  
20 **TOBACCO PRODUCTS RETAILER.**

21 **(B) (1) A LICENSED OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS RETAILER MAY NOT**  
22 **SELL CIGARETTES TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNLESS THE LICENSED OTHER TOBACCO**  
23 **PRODUCTS RETAILER VERIFIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
24 **SUBSECTION, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS:**

25 **(I) AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD; OR**

26 **(II) 1. AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD; AND**

27 **2. AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE MILITARY IN**  
28 **POSSESSION OF A VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION.**

1           **(2) A LICENSED OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS RETAILER MAY VERIFY**  
2 **AN INDIVIDUAL’S AGE ONLY:**

3                   **(I) BY MEANS OF A GOVERNMENT–ISSUED PHOTO**  
4 **IDENTIFICATION CONTAINING THE INDIVIDUAL’S DATE OF BIRTH; AND**

5                   **(II) IN A DIRECT FACE–TO–FACE EXCHANGE WITHOUT THE**  
6 **ASSISTANCE OF ANY ELECTRONIC OR MECHANICAL DEVICE.**

7 16.5–217.1.

8           (a) The Maryland Department of Health [may] **SHALL** conduct **AT LEAST TWO**  
9 unannounced inspections of a licensed retailer to ensure the licensee’s compliance with the  
10 provisions of this title and § 10–107 of the Criminal Law Article **EACH YEAR.**

11           (b) The Maryland Department of Health may use an individual under the age of  
12 21 years to assist in conducting an inspection under this section.

13 16.7–101.

14           (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

15           (b) “County license” means a license issued by the clerk to sell electronic smoking  
16 devices to consumers in a county.

17           (c) (1) “Electronic smoking device” means a device that can be used to deliver  
18 aerosolized or vaporized nicotine to an individual inhaling from the device.

19                   (2) “Electronic smoking device” includes:

20                           (i) an electronic cigarette, an electronic cigar, an electronic cigarillo,  
21 an electronic pipe, an electronic hookah, a vape pen, and vaping liquid; and

22                           (ii) except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, any  
23 component, part, or accessory of such a device regardless of whether or not it is sold  
24 separately, including any substance intended to be aerosolized or vaporized during use of  
25 the device.

26                   (3) “Electronic smoking device” does not include:

27                           (i) a drug, device, or combination product authorized for sale by the  
28 U.S. Food and Drug Administration under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; or

29                           (ii) a battery or battery charger when sold separately.

30           (d) “Electronic smoking devices manufacturer” means a person that:

1 (1) manufactures, mixes, or otherwise produces electronic smoking devices  
2 intended for sale in the State, including electronic smoking devices intended for sale in the  
3 United States through an importer; and

4 (2) (i) [sells electronic smoking devices to a consumer, if the consumer  
5 purchases or orders the devices through the mail, a computer network, a telephonic  
6 network, or another electronic network, a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler  
7 distributor, or a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer in the State;

8 (ii) if the electronic smoking devices manufacturer also holds a  
9 license to act as [an electronic smoking devices retailer or] a vape shop vendor, sells  
10 electronic smoking devices **IN THE SAME MANNER AS A VAPE SHOP VENDOR** to  
11 consumers located in the State; or

12 [(iii) (II) unless otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law,  
13 this article, or the Criminal Law Article, distributes sample electronic smoking devices to  
14 a licensed [electronic smoking devices retailer or] vape shop vendor.

15 [(e) “Electronic smoking devices retailer” means a person that:

16 (1) sells electronic smoking devices to consumers;

17 (2) holds electronic smoking devices for sale to consumers; or

18 (3) unless otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this article,  
19 the Criminal Law Article, or § 24–305 of the Health – General Article, distributes sample  
20 electronic smoking devices to consumers in the State.]

21 [(f) (E) “Electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor” means a person  
22 that:

23 (1) obtains at least 70% of its electronic smoking devices from a holder of  
24 an electronic smoking devices manufacturer license under this subtitle or a business entity  
25 located in the United States; and

26 (2) (i) holds electronic smoking devices for sale to another person for  
27 resale; or

28 (ii) sells electronic smoking devices to another person for resale.

29 [(g) (F) “Electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer” means a person that:

30 (1) obtains at least 70% of its electronic smoking devices from a business  
31 entity located in a foreign country; and

1 (2) (i) holds electronic smoking devices for sale to another person for  
2 resale; or

3 (ii) sells electronic smoking devices to another person for resale.

4 **[(h)] (G)** “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Alcohol [and],  
5 Tobacco, **AND CANNABIS** Commission.

6 **[(i)] (H)** “License” means:

7 (1) a license issued by the Executive Director under § 16.7–203(a) of this  
8 title to:

9 (i) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices manufacturer;

10 (ii) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler  
11 distributor; or

12 (iii) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer;  
13 or

14 (2) a license issued by the clerk under § 16.7–203(b) of this title to[

15 (i) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices retailer; or

16 (ii)] act as a licensed vape shop vendor.

17 **[(j)] (I)** “Sell” means to exchange or transfer, or to agree to exchange or  
18 transfer, title or possession of property, in any manner or by any means, for consideration.

19 **[(k)] (J)** “Vape shop vendor” means an electronic smoking devices business that  
20 [derives at least 70% of its revenues, measured by average daily receipts, from the sale of]  
21 **EXCLUSIVELY SELLS** electronic smoking devices and related accessories **TO CONSUMERS**  
22 **ON THE PREMISES OF ITS PLACE OF BUSINESS.**

23 **[(l)] (K)** “Vaping liquid” means a liquid that:

24 (1) consists of propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, or other similar  
25 substance;

26 (2) may or may not contain natural or artificial flavors;

27 (3) may or may not contain nicotine; and

28 (4) converts to vapor intended for inhalation when heated in an electronic  
29 device.



1 16.7–102.

2 (a) The Executive Director may delegate any power or duty of the Executive  
3 Director under this title.

4 (b) Any person licensed under Title 16 or Title 16.5 of this article, or an affiliate,  
5 as defined under § 16–402(c) of this article, of a person licensed under Title 16 of this  
6 article[:

7 (1) is authorized to manufacture, distribute, or sell electronic smoking  
8 devices pursuant to this title in the same capacity as the person is licensed under Title 16  
9 or Title 16.5 of this article; and

10 (2) may not be required to] **MUST** obtain an additional license under this  
11 title **IN ORDER TO MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE, OR SELL ELECTRONIC SMOKING**  
12 **DEVICES PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE.**

13 16.7–201.

14 [(a)] A person must hold an appropriate license before the person may act as:

15 (1) an electronic smoking devices manufacturer;

16 (2) [an electronic smoking devices retailer;

17 (3)] an electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor;

18 [(4)] (3) an electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer; or

19 [(5)] (4) a vape shop vendor.

20 [(b)] A place of business in which a person acts as an electronic smoking devices  
21 retailer or a vape shop vendor must hold an appropriate license.]

22 16.7–202.

23 (a) (1) An applicant for a license to act as an electronic smoking devices  
24 manufacturer, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking  
25 devices wholesaler importer shall:

26 (i) obtain an appropriate county license by submitting an  
27 application to the Executive Director on the form and containing the information that the  
28 Executive Director requires;

29 (ii) indicate the licenses for which the applicant is applying; and

1 (iii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, pay to the  
2 Executive Director a fee of \$25 for each license for which the applicant applies.

3 (2) An applicant for a license to act as an electronic smoking devices  
4 wholesaler distributor or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer shall pay to the  
5 Executive Director a fee of \$150.

6 (b) (1) An applicant for a license to act as [an electronic smoking devices  
7 retailer or] a vape shop vendor:

8 (i) shall obtain a county license by submitting to the clerk an  
9 application for each permanent or temporary place of business located in the same  
10 enclosure and operated by the same applicant; and

11 (ii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, shall pay  
12 to the clerk a fee of \$25.

13 (2) The application shall:

14 (i) be made on the form that the clerk requires; and

15 (ii) contain the information that the Executive Director requires.

16 (c) A licensee shall display a license in the way that the Executive Director  
17 requires by regulation.

18 (d) If a person has had a license revoked under § 16.7–207 of this subtitle, the  
19 person may not reapply for a license within 1 year after the date when the prior license was  
20 revoked.

21 16.7–203.

22 (a) The Executive Director shall issue an appropriate license to each applicant  
23 that meets the requirements of this subtitle for a license to act as an electronic smoking  
24 devices manufacturer, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic  
25 smoking devices wholesaler importer.

26 (b) The clerk shall issue to each applicant that meets the requirements of this  
27 subtitle a license to act as [an electronic smoking devices retailer or] a vape shop vendor.

28 (c) The clerk shall forward a copy of an application received for each license  
29 issued under subsection (b) of this section to the Executive Director within 30 days after  
30 issuance of the license.

31 16.7–204.

1 (a) An electronic smoking devices manufacturer license authorizes the licensee  
2 to:

3 (1) sell electronic smoking devices to:

4 (i) a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler located in the  
5 State;

6 (ii) an electronic smoking devices wholesaler or retailer located  
7 outside the State if the electronic smoking devices may be sold lawfully in Maryland;

8 (iii) a licensed vape shop vendor]; and

9 (iv) a consumer if:

10 1. the licensee manufactured the devices; and

11 2. the consumer purchases or orders the devices through the  
12 mail, a computer network, a telephonic network, or another electronic network];

13 (2) if the electronic smoking devices manufacturer licensee also holds a  
14 license to act as [an electronic smoking devices retailer or] a vape shop vendor, transfer  
15 electronic smoking devices to inventory for sale under the [retail license or] vape shop  
16 license; and

17 (3) except as otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this article,  
18 or the Criminal Law Article, distribute electronic smoking devices products to a licensed  
19 [electronic smoking devices retailer or] vape shop vendor.

20 [(b) An electronic smoking devices retailer license authorizes the licensee to:

21 (1) sell electronic smoking devices to consumers;

22 (2) buy electronic smoking devices from an electronic smoking devices  
23 wholesaler distributor or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer;

24 (3) if the electronic smoking devices retailer licensee also holds a license to  
25 act as an electronic smoking devices manufacturer, sell at retail electronic smoking devices  
26 manufactured under the manufacturer license; and

27 (4) except as otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this article,  
28 the Criminal Law Article, or § 24–305 of the Health – General Article, distribute sample  
29 electronic smoking devices products to consumers in the State.]

30 [(c) (B) An electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor license or  
31 electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer license authorizes the licensee to:

1 (1) sell electronic smoking devices to [electronic smoking devices retailers  
2 and] vape shop vendors;

3 (2) buy electronic smoking devices directly from an electronic smoking  
4 devices manufacturer and an electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor or  
5 electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer;

6 (3) hold electronic smoking devices; and

7 (4) sell electronic smoking devices to another licensed electronic smoking  
8 devices wholesaler distributor or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer.

9 [(d)] (C) A vape shop vendor license authorizes the licensee to:

10 (1) sell electronic smoking devices as a vape shop vendor **TO CONSUMERS**  
11 **ON THE PREMISES OF THE LICENSEE'S PLACE OF BUSINESS;**

12 (2) if the vape shop vendor licensee also holds a license to act as an  
13 electronic smoking devices manufacturer, sell at retail **ON THE VAPE SHOP VENDOR**  
14 **PREMISES** electronic smoking devices manufactured under the manufacturer license; and

15 (3) buy electronic smoking devices from an electronic smoking devices  
16 manufacturer, an electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or an electronic  
17 smoking devices wholesaler importer.

18 16.7-204.1.

19 (a) (1) A [retail licensee] **VAPE SHOP VENDOR** shall post a sign in a location  
20 that is clearly visible to the consumer that states:

21 "No person under the age of 21 may be sold tobacco products without military  
22 identification".

23 [(b)] (2) The sign required under **PARAGRAPH (1) OF** this [section]  
24 **SUBSECTION** shall be written in letters at least one-half inch high.

25 (B) (1) **A VAPE SHOP VENDOR MAY NOT SELL CIGARETTES TO AN**  
26 **INDIVIDUAL UNLESS THE VAPE SHOP VENDOR VERIFIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
27 **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS:**

28 (I) **AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD; OR**

29 (II) 1. **AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD; AND**

1                   **2. AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE MILITARY IN**  
2 **POSSESSION OF A VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION.**

3                   **(2) A VAPE SHOP VENDOR MAY VERIFY AN INDIVIDUAL'S AGE ONLY:**

4                   **(I) BY MEANS OF A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO**  
5 **IDENTIFICATION CONTAINING THE INDIVIDUAL'S DATE OF BIRTH; AND**

6                   **(II) IN A DIRECT FACE-TO-FACE EXCHANGE WITHOUT THE**  
7 **ASSISTANCE OF ANY ELECTRONIC OR MECHANICAL DEVICE.**

8 **16.7-204.2.**

9                   **A VAPE SHOP VENDOR MAY NOT DISPLAY ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES FOR**  
10 **SALE UNLESS THE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES ARE LOCATED BEHIND A**  
11 **COUNTER IN AN AREA ACCESSIBLE ONLY TO THE VAPE SHOP VENDOR AND**  
12 **EMPLOYEES OF THE VAPE SHOP VENDOR.**

13 **16.7-206.**

14                   (a) (1) A [licensed electronic smoking devices retailer or a] licensed vape shop  
15 vendor may not assign the license.

16                   (2) If a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor or  
17 electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer sells the licensee's electronic smoking  
18 devices business and pays to the Executive Director a license assignment fee of \$10, the  
19 licensee may assign the license to the buyer of the business if the buyer otherwise qualifies  
20 under this title for an electronic smoking devices wholesaler's distributor or importer  
21 license.

22                   (b) If the electronic smoking devices business of a licensee is transferred because  
23 of bankruptcy, death, incompetency, receivership, or otherwise by operation of law, the  
24 Executive Director shall transfer the license without charge to the new owner of the  
25 licensee's business if the transferee otherwise qualifies under this title for the license being  
26 transferred.

27                   (c) (1) If a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor or  
28 electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer surrenders the license to the Executive  
29 Director and if no disciplinary proceedings are pending against the licensee, the Executive  
30 Director shall refund a pro rata portion of the license fee for the unexpired term of the  
31 license.

32                   (2) A [licensed electronic smoking devices retailer or a] licensed vape shop  
33 vendor is not allowed a refund for the unexpired term of the license.

1 16.7–211.

2 (a) A person may not act, attempt to act, or offer to act as an electronic smoking  
3 devices manufacturer, [an electronic smoking devices retailer,] an electronic smoking  
4 devices wholesaler distributor, an electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer, or a  
5 vape shop vendor in the State unless the person has an appropriate license.

6 (b) (1) A person that violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on  
7 conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days  
8 or both.

9 (2) Each day that a violation of this section continues is a separate offense.

10 16.7–213.1.

11 (a) The Maryland Department of Health [may] **SHALL** conduct **AT LEAST TWO**  
12 unannounced inspections of licensed [retailers] **VAPE SHOP VENDORS** to ensure the  
13 licensee’s compliance with the provisions of this title and § 10–107 of the Criminal Law  
14 Article **EACH YEAR**.

15 (b) The Maryland Department of Health may use an individual under the age of  
16 21 years to assist in conducting an inspection under this section.

### 17 **Article – Criminal Law**

18 10–107.

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

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

23 (2) sent through the mail.

24 (b) (1) This subsection does not apply to the distribution of a tobacco product  
25 or tobacco paraphernalia to:

26 (i) an individual under the age of 21 years who is acting solely as  
27 the agent of the individual’s employer if the employer distributes tobacco products or  
28 tobacco paraphernalia for commercial purposes; or

29 (ii) a purchaser or recipient who:

30 1. is at least 18 years of age;

31 2. is an active duty member of the military; and

1                   3.     presents a valid military identification.

2                   (2)    A person who distributes tobacco products for commercial purposes,  
3 including a person licensed under Title 16, Title 16.5, Title 16.7, or Title 16.9 of the  
4 Business Regulation Article, may not distribute to an individual under the age of 21 years:

5                   (i)     a tobacco product;

6                   (ii)    tobacco paraphernalia; or

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

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

9                   (1)    purchase for or sell a tobacco product to an individual under the age of  
10 21 years, unless the individual:

11                   (i)     is at least 18 years of age;

12                   (ii)    is an active duty member of the military; and

13                   (iii)   presents a valid military identification; or

14                   (2)    distribute tobacco paraphernalia to an individual under the age of 21  
15 years, unless the individual:

16                   (i)     is at least 18 years of age;

17                   (ii)    is an active duty member of the military; and

18                   (iii)   presents a valid military identification.

19                   (d)    In a prosecution for a violation of this section, it is a defense that the defendant  
20 examined, **IN A DIRECT, FACE-TO-FACE EXCHANGE**, the purchaser's or recipient's  
21 driver's license or other valid identification issued by a government unit that positively  
22 identified the purchaser or recipient as at least 21 years of age or as at least 18 years of age  
23 and an active duty member of the military.

24                   (e)    (1)    A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on  
25 conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding:

26                   (i)     [~~\$300~~] **\$500** for a first violation;

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

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

3 **(2) IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTIES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
4 **SUBSECTION, IF A PERSON HOLDS A LICENSE UNDER TITLE 16, TITLE 16.5, TITLE**  
5 **16.7, OR TITLE 16.9 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE, THE COURT SHALL**  
6 **ORDER THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS**  
7 **COMMISSION TO:**

8 **(I) SUSPEND THE LICENSE FOR:**

9 **1. A SECOND VIOLATION, NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS; AND**

10 **2. EACH SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, NOT MORE THAN 180**  
11 **DAYS; AND**

12 **(II) FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, REVOKE THE LICENSE.**

13 **[(2)] (3)** Issuance of a civil citation for the sale of a tobacco product to an  
14 individual under the age of 21 years precludes a prosecution for a violation of § 24–307 of  
15 the Health – General Article arising out of the same violation.

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

### 18 **Article – Health Occupations**

19 12–403.

20 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a pharmacy for which a  
21 pharmacy permit has been issued under this title:

22 (22) (i) May provide to an ophthalmologist for office use, without a  
23 patient–specific prescription:

24 1. Compound antibiotics for the emergency treatment of  
25 bacterial endophthalmitis or viral retinitis; and

26 2. Compound antivascular endothelial growth factor agents  
27 for the emergency treatment of neovascular glaucoma, wet macular degeneration, or  
28 macular edema; and

29 (ii) Shall require the ophthalmologist to inform the pharmacy of the  
30 identity of any patient to whom the drugs are administered; [and]



1           (23) Subject to § 12–510 of this title, may provide compounded nonsterile  
2 preparations or compounded sterile preparations without a patient–specific prescription to  
3 a licensed veterinarian who intends to dispense the compounded nonsterile preparations  
4 or compounded sterile preparations in accordance with § 2–313(c) of the Agriculture Article;  
5 **AND**

6           **(24) MAY NOT SELL TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OTHER TOBACCO**  
7 **PRODUCTS, AS DEFINED IN § 16.5–101 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE, OR**  
8 **ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES, AS DEFINED IN § 16.7–101 OF THE BUSINESS**  
9 **REGULATION ARTICLE.**

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31,  
11 2024, the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission, in conjunction with the Maryland  
12 Department of Health, shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Economic  
13 Matters Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in  
14 accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on:

15           (1) the number of retailers of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and  
16 electronic smoking devices licensed under Title 16, Title 16.5, or Title 16.7 of the Business  
17 Regulation Article, including information regarding the proximity of retailers to schools  
18 and health care facilities;

19           (2) the processes and procedures currently used by the Alcohol, Tobacco,  
20 and Cannabis Commission to maintain a list of all operating businesses that hold a license  
21 under Title 16, Title 16.5, or Title 16.7 of the Business Regulation Article;

22           (3) the geographic density of businesses currently holding a license under  
23 Title 16, Title 16.5, or Title 16.7 of the Business Regulation Article;

24           (4) the feasibility and resulting impact of limiting or establishing a  
25 maximum number of licenses that could be issued under Title 16, Title 16.5, or Title 16.7  
26 of the Business Regulation Article; and

27           (5) with regard to the use of tobacco, other tobacco products, and electric  
28 smoking devices, including the use of flavored tobacco products, by individuals under the  
29 age of 21 years in the State, an analysis of:

30                   (i) its prevalence in the described population;

31                   (ii) the public health impacts; and

32                   (iii) the economic impacts.

33           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
34 October 1, 2024.