

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 728

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after “business;” insert “authorizing a manufacturer licensee to, upon approval of the State Comptroller, act as an agent for a licensed wholesaler for stamping and distribution of cigarettes; authorizing a wholesale licensee to, upon approval of the State Comptroller, designate a licensed manufacturer to act as its agent for the stamping and distribution of cigarettes;”; and in line 12, after “16-202” insert “and 16-206(a) and (f)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 4, insert:

“16-206.

(a) A manufacturer license authorizes the licensee to:

(1) sell unstamped cigarettes to a licensed cigarette wholesaler located in Maryland;

(2) except as otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this article, or Article 27 of the Code, distribute sample cigarettes to consumers located in Maryland; [and]

(3) store unstamped cigarettes in a licensed cigarette storage warehouse for subsequent shipment to licensed wholesalers, federal reservations, or persons out of State[.]; AND

(4) UPON APPROVAL OF THE COMPTROLLER, ACT AS AN AGENT OF A MARYLAND LICENSED WHOLESALER FOR STAMPING AND DISTRIBUTION OF CIGARETTES.

(f) A wholesaler license authorizes the licensee to:

(Over)

(1) act as a wholesaler;

(2) buy unstamped cigarettes directly from a cigarette manufacturer;

(3) hold unstamped cigarettes;

(4) buy tobacco tax stamps as authorized by § 12-303 of the Tax - General Article;

(5) transport unstamped cigarettes in the State; [and]

(6) sell unstamped cigarettes to another licensed wholesaler if the Comptroller specifically authorizes[.]; AND

(7) UPON APPROVAL OF THE COMPTROLLER, DESIGNATE A LICENSED MANUFACTURER TO ACT AS ITS AGENT FOR THE STAMPING AND DISTRIBUTION OF CIGARETTES.”