
By: Howard County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 1997

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County - Sales of Tobacco Products**
3 **Ho. Co. 2-97**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing Howard County to regulate, by ordinance, the sale of
5 cigarettes or other tobacco products; authorizing Howard County to require certain
6 licenses or permits or otherwise restrict the sale of tobacco products
7 notwithstanding the possession of a certain license; authorizing Howard County to
8 suspend or revoke certain licenses and establish certain civil and criminal penalties
9 for certain violations; authorizing Howard County to establish certain procedures or
10 requirements under certain circumstances; and generally relating to regulation of
11 the sale of cigarettes or other tobacco products in Howard County.

12 BY adding to

13 The Public Local Laws of Howard County
14 Section 12.650 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6A. Sales of Tobacco
15 Products"
16 Article 14 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
17 (1977 Edition and August 1996 Supplement, as amended)

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

20 **Article 14 - Howard County**

21 **SUBTITLE 6A. SALES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

22 12.650.

23 (A) HOWARD COUNTY MAY REGULATE, BY ORDINANCE, THE SALE OF
24 CIGARETTES OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH,
25 SAFETY, OR WELFARE.

26 (B) AN ORDINANCE ENACTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY
27 REQUIRE A PERSON TO OBTAIN A COUNTY LICENSE OR PERMIT OR OTHERWISE
28 RESTRICT THE SALE OF CIGARETTES OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS
29 NOTWITHSTANDING THE POSSESSION OF A LICENSE REQUIRED UNDER TITLE 16 OF
30 THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

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1 (C) AN ORDINANCE ENACTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY:

2 (1) PROVIDE FOR THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A COUNTY
3 LICENSE OR PERMIT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THE
4 ORDINANCE;

5 (2) ESTABLISH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES NOT EXCEEDING THE
6 PENALTIES AUTHORIZED UNDER ARTICLE 25A, § 5(A) OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF
7 MARYLAND; AND

8 (3) ESTABLISH ANY PROCEDURE OR REQUIREMENT THAT THE COUNTY
9 CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 1997.