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**By: Senator Neall**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cigarette Business Licenses - Manufacturers and Wholesalers**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a licensed manufacturer of cigarettes or a person  
4 connected to the business of a licensed manufacturer from simultaneously holding a  
5 financial interest in a cigarette wholesaler license or wholesaler business;  
6 prohibiting a licensed wholesaler or person connected to the business of a licensed  
7 wholesaler from simultaneously holding a financial interest in a manufacturer  
8 license or manufacturer business; and generally relating to cigarette business  
9 licensing.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Business Regulation  
12 Section 16-202  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Business Regulation**

18 16-202.

19 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person must have an  
20 appropriate license whenever the person acts as a manufacturer, retailer, storage  
21 warehouse, subwholesaler, vending machine operator, or wholesaler in the State.

22 (b) A person need not get a retailer license to act as a retailer at a vending stand  
23 operated under a trader's license issued to Blind Industries and Services of Maryland.

24 (c) A license to act as a retailer is required for each place of business where a  
25 person acts as a retailer.

26 (D) (1) A PERSON LICENSED AS A MANUFACTURER, OR PERSON  
27 CONNECTED WITH THE BUSINESS OF A LICENSED MANUFACTURER OR RELATED BY  
28 OWNERSHIP, MAY NOT AT THE SAME TIME HOLD OR HAVE ANY FINANCIAL  
29 INTEREST IN A WHOLESALER LICENSE OR IN ANY BUSINESS OF A WHOLESALER.

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1                   (2) A PERSON LICENSED AS A WHOLESALER, OR PERSON CONNECTED  
2 WITH THE BUSINESS OF A LICENSED WHOLESALER OR RELATED BY OWNERSHIP,  
3 MAY NOT AT THE SAME TIME HOLD OR HAVE ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A  
4 MANUFACTURER LICENSE OR IN ANY BUSINESS OF A MANUFACTURER.

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