
By: **Delegate Frank**
Rules suspended
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tobacco Products - Display for Retail Sale**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a retail seller of tobacco products to display a tobacco
4 product only in certain areas; providing for a certain penalty; defining a certain
5 term; and generally relating to the display of tobacco products by retail sellers.

6 BY adding to
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 406A to be under the new subheading "Display of Tobacco Products for
9 Retail Sale"
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 **DISPLAY OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR RETAIL SALE**

16 406A.

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "TOBACCO PRODUCT" MEANS ANY SUBSTANCE
18 CONTAINING TOBACCO, INCLUDING CIGARETTES, CIGARS, SMOKING TOBACCO,
19 SNUFF, AND SMOKELESS TOBACCO.

20 (B) A RETAIL SELLER OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS MAY DISPLAY A TOBACCO
21 PRODUCT ONLY IN AN AREA THAT IS NORMALLY INACCESSIBLE TO CUSTOMERS,
22 SUCH AS AN AREA BEHIND THE COUNTER OR AN OVERHEAD RACK.

23 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
24 AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$100.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1998.