

SENATE BILL 412

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By: **Senators Harris, Ferguson, Hafer, Hogan, Jacobs, Mooney, and Stoltzfus**
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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Care Foundation Tobacco Cessation Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller to distribute certain proceeds from the
4 sale of certain contraband tobacco products to the Maryland Health Care
5 Foundation to use for certain tobacco cessation programs; and generally relating
6 to requiring the Comptroller to sell contraband tobacco products.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Tax - General
9 Section 13-841(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Tax - General**

15 13-841.

16 (b) (1) (I) The Comptroller shall sell contraband tobacco products seized
17 under this title and forfeited to a State institution, a nonprofit charitable institution,
18 a licensed cigarette wholesaler, or a licensed cigarette manufacturer in the manner
19 the Comptroller determines.

20 (II) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS FROM
21 THE SALE OF CONTRABAND TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE
22 FOUNDATION, ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 20, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE HEALTH -
23 GENERAL ARTICLE TO USE FOR TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAMS.

24 (2) The Comptroller shall sell at public auction a conveyance that is
25 seized under this title in connection with contraband tobacco products and forfeited.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2001.