

Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly

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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 702

(Senator Ruben)

Judicial Proceedings

Sale of Tobacco Products - Vending Machines - Affidavit of Compliance

This bill prohibits a person from selling or dispensing a tobacco product through certain vending machines unless that person submits a notarized affidavit of compliance stating that the vending machine has been converted or manufactured to operate with a token, card, or similar device in compliance with current law. Notarized affidavits are to be sent to the Comptroller or to the county clerk of the court.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not materially affect State revenues or expenditures.

Local Effect: Minimal revenue decrease if retailers take vending machines out of service.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 247 of 2000 prohibits the sale of tobacco products through a vending machine unless the vending machine: (1) is located in an establishment that minors are prohibited by law from entering or an establishment that is a bona fide fraternal or veterans organization; or (2) can only be operated with a token card or similar device that an individual can only obtain or purchase from the owner or an employee or agent of the owner.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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