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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vending Machines - Display Label - Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a vending machine identification label to include a
4 telephone number to use to request a refund of money accepted by the vending
5 machine from a customer if the vending machine fails to deliver the goods or
6 change to the customer; making this requirement apply to all vending machines,
7 even those not required to be licensed; and generally relating to requiring
8 vending machines to display a telephone number for certain refund requests.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Business Regulation
11 Section 17-1902 and 17-1905
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Business Regulation**

17 17-1902.

18 [This] EXCEPT FOR THE REFUND NOTICE REQUIRED BY § 17-1905(B)(2) OF THIS
19 SUBTITLE, THIS subtitle does not apply to the sale or offering for sale of cigarettes,
20 newspapers, magazines, paper cups, paper or cloth towels, soap, toilet seat covers,
21 postage stamps, or sanitary napkins.

22 17-1905.

23 (a) The clerk shall give each vending machine licensee an identification label
24 for each vending machine.

25 (b) (1) Subject to regulations adopted by the Comptroller, the identification
26 label shall be attached to the vending machine so that the identification label is easily
27 visible.

1 (2) In addition, the name and telephone number of the vending machine
2 licensee or owner of the vending machine, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO USE TO
3 REQUEST A REFUND OF MONEY ACCEPTED BY THE MACHINE FROM A CUSTOMER IF
4 THE VENDING MACHINE FAILS TO DELIVER THE GOODS OR CHANGE TO THE
5 CUSTOMER, shall be displayed on each vending machine so that the name and
6 telephone [number] NUMBERS are easily visible.

7 (c) (1) If an inspector finds that a vending machine does not display the
8 identification label required by this section, the inspector promptly shall:

9 (i) notify the vending machine licensee or owner in writing of the
10 violation; and

11 (ii) require that the vending machine licensee or owner display the
12 identification label properly within 10 days after receiving notice of the violation.

13 (2) If the vending machine licensee or owner fails to display the
14 identification label properly within 10 days, the inspector shall:

15 (i) seal the vending machine to prevent further use; and

16 (ii) take necessary action to enforce the licensing provisions of this
17 subtitle.

18 (3) If neither the identification label nor the name and telephone
19 number of the vending machine licensee or owner are displayed properly, the
20 inspector:

21 (i) immediately shall seal the vending machine to prevent further
22 use; and

23 (ii) shall take necessary action to enforce this subtitle.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2003.