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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cigarette Business Licenses - Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the licensing fees to act as a manufacturer of  
4 cigarettes, retailer of cigarettes, and cigarette storage warehouse; and generally  
5 relating to cigarette business license fees.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Business Regulation  
8 Section 16-204  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Business Regulation**

14 16-204.

15 (a) An applicant for a license to act as a manufacturer shall:

16 (1) submit an application to the Comptroller on the form and containing  
17 the information that the Comptroller requires; and

18 (2) pay to the Comptroller a fee of [~~\$25~~] \$45.

19 (b) (1) An applicant for a license to act as a retailer shall:

20 (i) obtain the county license required under § 16-301 of this title;

21 (ii) submit to the clerk an application for each permanent or  
22 temporary place of business located in the same enclosure and operated by the same  
23 applicant; and

24 (iii) pay to the clerk a fee of [~~\$30~~] \$50.

- 1           (2)     The application shall:
- 2                   (i)     be made on the form that the clerk requires; and
- 3                   (ii)    contain the information that the Comptroller requires.
- 4     (c)     An applicant for a license to act as a storage warehouse shall:
- 5           (1)     submit an application to the Comptroller on the form and containing
- 6 the information that the Comptroller requires; and
- 7           (2)     pay to the Comptroller a fee of [~~\$25~~] \$45.
- 8     (d)     An applicant for a license to act as a subwholesaler shall:
- 9           (1)     submit an application to the Comptroller on the form and containing
- 10 the information that the Comptroller requires; and
- 11          (2)     pay to the Comptroller a fee of:
- 12                   (i)     \$500 for a 1-year term; or
- 13                   (ii)    the amount that results when \$500 is prorated to the nearest
- 14 month, if the application is for less than a 1-year term.
- 15     (e)     An applicant for a license to act as a vending machine operator shall:
- 16          (1)     obtain the county license required under § 16-301 of this title;
- 17          (2)     submit an application to the Comptroller on the form and containing
- 18 the information that the Comptroller requires; and
- 19          (3)     pay to the Comptroller a fee of \$500.
- 20     (f)     An applicant for a license to act as a wholesaler shall:
- 21          (1)     submit an application to the Comptroller on the form and containing
- 22 the information that the Comptroller requires; and
- 23          (2)     pay to the Comptroller a fee of \$750.
- 24     (g)     If a person has had a license revoked under § 16-210 of this subtitle, the
- 25 person may not reapply for a license within 1 year after the date when the prior
- 26 license was revoked.
- 27     (h)     (1)     In addition to the license fee otherwise required under this section:
- 28                   (i)     an applicant for the initial issuance of a license issued by the
- 29 Comptroller under this title shall pay to the Comptroller a nonrefundable application
- 30 fee of \$200; and

1                   (ii)       an applicant for renewal of a license issued by the Comptroller  
2 under this title shall pay to the Comptroller a renewal fee of \$30.

3                   (2)       The application and renewal fees required under this subsection do  
4 not apply to a license that is issued by the clerk or to a storage warehouse license  
5 application.

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