

CHAPTER 218

(Senate Bill 1017)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Tobacco Paraphernalia – Distribution to ~~and Possession by~~ Minors

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the distribution of tobacco paraphernalia to a minor; ~~prohibiting a minor from distributing, possessing, or purchasing tobacco paraphernalia unless the minor is acting as an agent of the minor's employer within the scope of employment; prohibiting a minor from using false identification to obtain or attempt to obtain tobacco paraphernalia;~~ defining a certain term; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to prohibiting persons from distributing tobacco paraphernalia to minors ~~and minors from possessing tobacco paraphernalia.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section ~~10-101, 10-101 and 10-107(b) and (c), and 10-108(b) and (c)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Law

10-101.

(a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Distribute” means to:

(1) give, sell, deliver, dispense, issue, or offer to give, sell, deliver, dispense, or issue; or

(2) cause or hire a person to give, sell, deliver, dispense, issue or offer to give, sell, deliver, dispense, or issue.

(c) (1) **“TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA” MEANS ANY OBJECT USED, INTENDED FOR USE, OR DESIGNED FOR USE IN INHALING OR OTHERWISE INTRODUCING TOBACCO PRODUCTS INTO THE HUMAN BODY.**

(2) **“TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA” INCLUDES:**

(I) **A CIGARETTE ROLLING PAPER;**

(II) **A METAL, WOODEN, ACRYLIC, GLASS, STONE, PLASTIC, OR CERAMIC PIPE WITH OR WITHOUT SCREEN, PERMANENT SCREEN, OR PUNCTURED METAL BOWL;**

(III) **A WATER PIPE;**

(IV) **A CARBURETION TUBE OR DEVICE;**

(V) **A SMOKING OR CARBURETION MASK;**

(VI) **AN OBJECT KNOWN AS A ROACH CLIP USED TO HOLD BURNING MATERIAL, SUCH AS A CIGARETTE THAT HAS BECOME TOO SMALL OR TOO SHORT TO BE HELD IN THE HAND;**

(VII) **A CHAMBER PIPE;**

(VIII) **A CARBURETOR PIPE;**

(IX) **AN ELECTRIC PIPE;**

(X) **AN AIR-DRIVEN PIPE;**

(XI) **A CHILLUM;**

(XII) **A BONG; AND**

(XIII) **AN ICE PIPE OR CHILLER.**

(D) (1) **“Tobacco product” means a substance containing tobacco.**

(2) **“Tobacco product” includes cigarettes, cigars, smoking tobacco, snuff, smokeless tobacco, and candy-like products that contain tobacco.**

[(d)] (E) "Venereal disease" includes gonorrhea, syphilis, chancroid, and any diseased condition of the human genitalia caused by, related to, or resulting from a venereal disease.

10-107.

(b) (1) This subsection does not apply to the distribution of a tobacco product **OR TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA** to a minor who is acting solely as the agent of the minor's employer if the employer distributes tobacco products **OR TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA** for commercial purposes.

(2) A person who distributes tobacco products for commercial purposes, including a person licensed under Title 16 of the Business Regulation Article, may not distribute to a minor:

- (i) a tobacco product;
- (ii) [a cigarette rolling paper] **TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA**; or
- (iii) a coupon redeemable for a tobacco product.

(c) A person not described in subsection (b)(2) of this section may not:

- (1) purchase for or sell a tobacco product to a minor; or
- (2) distribute [a cigarette rolling paper] **TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA** to a minor.

~~10-108.~~

~~(b) This section does not apply to the possession of a tobacco product or [cigarette rolling paper] **TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA** by a minor who is acting as the agent of the minor's employer within the scope of employment.~~

~~(e) A minor may not:~~

~~(1) use or possess a tobacco product or [cigarette rolling paper] **TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA**; or~~

~~(2) obtain or attempt to obtain a tobacco product or [cigarette rolling paper] **TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA** by using a form of identification that:~~

- ~~(i) is falsified; or~~
- ~~(ii) identifies an individual other than the minor.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.