CHAPTER 209

(Senate Bill 174)

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation - Vending Machine Sales - Bulk Vending Machine Exemption

FOR the purpose of exempting from certain licensing requirements the sale or offering for sale of certain merchandise through certain vending machines; and generally relating to an exemption from certain vending machine licensing requirements for the sale or offering for sale of certain merchandise through certain vending machines.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 17-1902

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 11–201.1(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article - Business Regulation

17-1902.

This subtitle does not apply to:

- (1) the sale or offering for sale of cigarettes, newspapers, magazines, paper cups, paper or cloth towels, soap, toilet seat covers, postage stamps, or sanitary napkins; **OR**
- (2) THE SALE OR OFFERING FOR SALE OF MERCHANDISE THROUGH A BULK VENDING MACHINE AS DEFINED IN \S 11–201.1 OF THE TAX GENERAL ARTICLE.

11-201.1.

- (a) In this section, "bulk vending machine" means a vending machine that:
 - (1) contains unsorted merchandise; and
- (2) on insertion of a coin, dispenses the unsorted merchandise in approximately equal portions at random and without selection by the customer.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.