

HB0570/507270/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 570
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “tobacconist;” insert “requiring the Comptroller to submit a certain report by a certain date on a certain policy regarding the direct shipment of premium cigars and pipe tobacco to consumers in Maryland;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 12, in line 28, after “ENACTED,” insert “That:”

(a) On or before November 1, 2012, the Comptroller shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the viability and efficacy of instituting in Maryland the policy of permitting direct shipment of premium cigars and pipe tobacco to consumers in the State.

(b) The report shall include:

(1) an evaluation of related fiscal, tax, and other public policy and regulatory issues; and

(2) a determination regarding:

(i) the best practices for preventing access by minors to premium cigars and pipe tobacco that is shipped directly to consumers;

(ii) any significant increase or decrease in access to or demand for premium cigars and pipe tobacco by minors that has been documented as the result of direct shipment of premium cigars and pipe tobacco;

(iii) the best means for collecting relevant tax revenues;

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(iv) the benefits and costs to consumers; and

(v) the effect of direct premium cigar and pipe tobacco shipment laws on in-State licensed other tobacco products retailers and tobacconists and other local businesses.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED.”.