

SENATE BILL 499

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By: **Senator Lam**

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Assigned to: Finance

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prohibition on Vending Machine Sales of Drugs and Medicines – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on the sale, distribution, or disposal of certain
4 drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, and medical preparations by means
5 of a vending machine or similar device; making conforming changes; and generally
6 relating to the sale of drugs and medicines and vending machines and other similar
7 devices.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Business Regulation
10 Section 3–103(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY repealing
14 Article – Health – General
15 Section 21–1111
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – Health – General
20 Section 21–1204 and 21–1212
21 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article – Health – General

Section 21–1112 through 21–1114, respectively

to be Section 21–1111 through 21–1113, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Regulation

3–103.

(b) This title does not repeal or modify [§ 21–1112] § 21–1111 (“Medicine or patent medicine shows”) or § 21–1212 (“Violation of [§ 21–1112] § 21–1111”) of the Health – General Article.

Article – Health – General

[21–1111.

(a) This section does not apply to any:

(1) Surgical or dental instrument;

(2) Physical therapy equipment;

(3) X–ray apparatus; or

(4) Component part or accessory of any of these items.

(b) A person may not sell, distribute, or otherwise dispose of any drug, medicine, pharmaceutical preparation, or medicinal preparation by means of a vending machine or other similar device.

(c) By rule or regulation, the Secretary may exempt any commodity from the application of this section if the Secretary finds that the commodity may be dispensed by vending machine or other similar devices without danger to the public health.]

21–1204.

(a) A person who violates any provision of [the following sections] § 21–820 OF THIS TITLE is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding

1 \$100[:

2 (1) § 21–820 of this title; and

3 (2) § 21–1111 of this title].

4 (b) For purposes of this section, each day that a violation continues constitutes a
5 separate offense.

6 21–1212.

7 A person who violates any provision of [~~§ 21–1112~~] **§ 21–1111** of this title is guilty
8 of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment
9 not exceeding 1 year or both.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 21–1112 through
11 21–1114, respectively, of Article – Health – General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be
12 renumbered to be Section(s) 21–1111 through 21–1113, respectively.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.