

HB0238/653624/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 238
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “areas” insert “and places of employment”; in line 6, after “Act;” insert “requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a workgroup to study the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses to tobacconists; prohibiting a local alcoholic beverages license from being issued to a tobacconist during a certain period of time;”; and after line 17, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 5–608(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 9, strike “**HEMP OR CANNABIS**” and substitute “**TOBACCO, CANNABIS, OR HEMP**”.

On page 5, after line 22, insert:

“Article – Labor and Employment

5–608.

(b) (1) The Department shall adopt regulations that prohibit environmental [tobacco] smoke, as defined in § 24–501 of the Health – General Article, in indoor places of employment not normally open to the general public.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, after line 22, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Department of Health shall convene a workgroup to study the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses to tobacconists.

(b) The workgroup shall include:

(1) two Senators designated by the President of the Senate;

(2) two Delegates designated by the Speaker of the House;

(3) one representative from the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission;

(4) one representative from the Maryland Department of Health; and

(5) one representative from a cigar retailers trade association.

(c) On or before July 1, 2025, the workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a local alcoholic beverages license may not be issued to a tobacconist from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026, both inclusive.”;

in line 23, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; and in line 26, strike “3.” and substitute “5.”.