

HOUSE BILL 968

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CF SB 734

By: **Delegate A. Johnson**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Licensing – Definition of Storage Warehouse**

3 FOR the purpose of altering, with respect to business licensing requirements in the State,
4 the definition of “storage warehouse” to exclude a self-service storage facility; and
5 generally relating to the licensing and regulation of storage warehouses.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Business Regulation
8 Section 17–1201
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2024 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Business Regulation
13 Section 17–1202
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Business Regulation**

19 17–1201.

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

21 (b) **(1)** “Storage warehouse” means a building or structure used for keeping
22 goods for a fee.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) “STORAGE WAREHOUSE” DOES NOT INCLUDE A SELF-SERVICE**
2 **STORAGE FACILITY.**

3 (c) “Storage warehouse license” means a license issued by the clerk to keep a
4 storage warehouse.

5 17–1202.

6 A person must have a storage warehouse license whenever the person keeps a
7 storage warehouse where goods are stored for a fee in the State.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2025.