Chapter 358

(Senate Bill 734)

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Licensing – Definition of Storage Warehouse

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation Section 17–1201 Annotated Code of Maryland (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

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

Article – Business Regulation

17 - 1201.

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

(b) (1) "Storage warehouse" means a building or structure used for keeping goods for a fee.

(2) "STORAGE WAREHOUSE" DOES NOT INCLUDE A SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY.

(c) "Storage warehouse license" means a license issued by the clerk to keep a storage warehouse.

17 - 1202.

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 6, 2025.