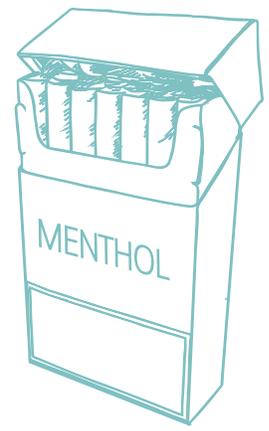




2021 FLAVORED TOBACCO PROHIBITION LEGISLATION



Sponsored by Senator Mary Washington and Delegate Jazz Lewis, **the 2021 bill aims to end the sale of flavored tobacco products in Maryland.**

Our bill **includes all flavored tobacco products** including, but not limited to e-cigarettes, menthol cigarettes, flavored cigars, hookah, and flavored smokeless tobacco. **Tobacco products that are not flavored are not prohibited.**

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- **“Flavored tobacco product”** includes a tobacco product with a taste or smell of fruit, menthol, mint, wintergreen, chocolate, cocoa, vanilla, honey, a candy, a dessert, an alcoholic beverage, an herb, or a spice.
 - **“Tobacco product”** means a product intended for inhalation, absorption, ingestion, smoking, heating, chewing, dissolving, or any other manner of consumption by a human being and that is made of, derived from, or contains tobacco or nicotine.
 - **“Tobacco product”** includes cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, and any other tobacco product; electronic smoking devices; any component or accessory of items including filters, rolling papers, blunt wraps, hemp wraps, hookahs, pipes, and liquids.

The bill also **prohibits those with an appropriate license from the manufacture, shipment, import, and sale of flavored tobacco products.** A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by maximum penalties of a \$1,000 fine and/or 30-day imprisonment. This includes online sales.

NOTE

The bill does not apply to those who are not licensed. Maryland law already prohibits a person from acting, attempting to act, or offering to act as a manufacturer, retailer, storage warehouse, subwholesaler, vending machine operator or wholesaler in the State **unless the person has an appropriate license.** Maryland law already considers this action to be a misdemeanor punishable by a \$1,000 fine or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both.

Most importantly, our bill **holds retailers liable for selling or offering flavored tobacco products and prevents new flavored tobacco products from entering the market.**

