



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: C.T. Wilson
Members of Economic Matters Committee

RE: HB1341 Other Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices –
Requirements and limitations

Position: In Opposition

HB1341 presents questions and leaves the door wide open for a total or near total ban of OTP and ESD products.

Gives county control of a license process and who can receive a license, and who can keep a license.

Are current locations grandfathered? Will Prince Georges decide what business are winners and losers.

As my testimony says on HB477 and HB442 you cannot Legislate behavior. Banning products that are legal products from locations that check I.D. will only drive sales to other location. These locations might be legal sales outlets, or they might be illegal sales outlets that youth will migrate to. The locations where these street sales take place can be far more dangerous the licensed retailers. Every time a legal product is banned, it empowers illegal operation to open.

Please give HB1341 an unfavorable Report

WMDA/CAR is a trade association that has represented service stations, convenience stores and repair shops since 1937. Any questions can be addressed to Kirk McCauley, 301-775-0221 or kmccauley@wmda.net