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Testimony in Favor of HB1441
Business Regulation - Electronic Smoking Devices Manufacturers – Certifications

Chair Wilson, Vice-Chair Crosby, and members of the Economic Matters Committee

For the record, I'm Delegate Mike Rogers, Legislate District 32, and I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 1441.

House Bill 1441, requires that all businesses that manufacture, distribute, or sell Electronic Smoking Devices(ESDs) in Maryland obtain a specific ESD license, eliminating the existing license exemption that exists for businesses that sell cigarettes or other tobacco products. Removing this exception will allow the State to better know who is doing ESD business, aiding the State's ability to enforce the law.

This bill will drastically improve Maryland's ESD marketplace. It will do this by bringing much-needed improvements to existing ESD law to ensure that ESD businesses are operating lawfully and fairly in Maryland. Further, this bill closes an existing loophole that permits manufacturers to sell directly to individuals over the internet. In addition, the bill creates an ESD directory where ESD manufacturers must apply to the Office of the Attorney General each year for certification and admission onto the directory.

From an enforcement perspective, HB 1441 gives the ATCC express authority to conduct inspections of ESD businesses, just as it has for traditional combustible cigarettes and provides the Department of Health the ability to refer violations of the law to ATCC for further enforcement action.

For these reasons and others which you will hear from my panel, **I respectfully request a favorable report on HB 1441.**

Respectfully,

Mike Rogers

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