



**House Economic Matters Committee  
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**Senate Bill 249 - Tobacco Product Licensees - Additional Licensure for  
Electronic Smoking Devices  
Support**

NCADD-Maryland supports Senate Bill 249. A separate license for the manufacturer, distribution or sale of electronic smoking devices is clearly needed as a step toward combating the growing use of vaping by young people. Separate licenses would allow regulators to track how many and where devices are distributed. This will help regulators in developing guidance, regulation and policies related to enforcement.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 14% to 15% of Maryland high school students currently vape. While that rate has declined from recent peaks, it remains a significant health concern. It is also a higher rate than our neighbors in Virginia and the District of Columbia. For youth and adults, vaping delivers nicotine into the bodies and brains of people. This is a highly addictive substance with negative health consequences. The devices also often contain harmful chemicals linked to lung damage and long-term respiratory issues.

Separate licensing gives the state real data on the manufacturing, distribution and selling of electronic smoking devices and can help drive policies and programming that help educate people about the harms they cause, and how to better prevent young people from accessing them.

We urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 249.