

2017 Maryland Tobacco Legislation

This blog post will discuss the current tobacco-related legislation being considered in the Maryland General Assembly.

HB185: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Distribution of Tobacco Products to Minors - Prohibition and Enforcement

Description: Prohibits specified people from distributing tobacco products, paraphernalia, or coupons to minors, subjecting those who violate this Act to civil penalties

Status: House Economic Matters hearing 2/15

HB354/SB624: Clean Indoor Air Act - Use of Electronic Cigarette Devices - Prohibition

Description: Expands the Clean Indoor Air Act to include the use of electronic cigarette devices (learn more in my other blog post!)

Status: House Economic Matters hearing 2/15, Senate Finance hearing 3/9

HB523/SB119: Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems - Licensing

Description: Requires manufacturers, retailers, storage warehouses, vape shop vendors, and wholesalers of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) to have an appropriate license (learn more in my policy brief!)

Status: House Economic Matters hearing 2/15, Senate Finance hearing 2/2 (learn about this hearing in my policy brief!)

HB541/SB474: Cigarette Restitution Fund - Establishment of Behavioral Health Treatment Account and Funding for Substance Use Treatment Services

Description: Requires the fund to have a specific behavioral health treatment account, which includes treatment for substance use

Status: House Health and Government Operations hearing 2/21, Senate hearing in Budget and Taxation 3/1

HB597: Clean Indoor Air Act - Repeal of Exception Regarding Hotel and Motel Rooms

Description: Removes the exemption of hotels and motels from the Clean Indoor Air Act (learn more about this in my other blog post!)

Status: House Economic Matters hearing 2/15

HB600/SB175: Public Health - Use of Medical Oxygen in Residential Dwellings - Smoking and Open Flame Restrictions

Description: Prohibits individuals from smoking or lighting tobacco products in a room of a residential dwelling in which medical oxygen is being used and within a certain number of feet from a room in which medical oxygen is being used; prohibits individuals from having an open flame in a room in which medical oxygen is being used and within a certain number of feet from a room in which medical oxygen is being used

Status: House Economic Matters hearing 2/15, Senate Finance hearing 2/2

SB669: Tobacco Products - Minimum Age and Civil Fines

Description: Increases the minimum age from 18 to 21 for the purchase of tobacco products

Status: Senate Finance hearing 3/9

HB703/SB113: Public Health - Tobacco Control Funding

Description: Requiring \$21,000,000 in funding for fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter for activities aimed at reducing tobacco use in Maryland

Status: House Appropriations hearing 2/21, Senate hearing 2/1

HB747: Cigarette Restitution Fund Programs- Modifications

Description: Alters information measured by the Baseline Tobacco Study such as effectiveness of program

Status: House Health and Government Operations hearing 2/21

HB855: The Smoke-free Multifamily Housing Promotion Act

Description: Establishes a grant program to provide financial assistance to owners of multifamily housing properties or the governing bodies of a condominium or co-op property who obtain smoke-free certification

Status: House Environment and Transportation hearing 2/21