



Maryland Tobacco Legislation 3/10/2017

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: Favorable House report, Second reading passed

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Status: Unfavorable report in House, Withdrawn in the Senate

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: Unfavorable report in House

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: Unfavorable House and Senate reports

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: Favorable House report, second reading passed with amendments

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: Unfavorable House report

HB500: Rental Units, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations - Smoking Restrictions

Description: Allowing written leases for residential real property to include specific restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in the dwelling unit or elsewhere on the premise, allows the bylaws of condominiums and homeowners associations to include restrictions

Status: Unfavorable House report