

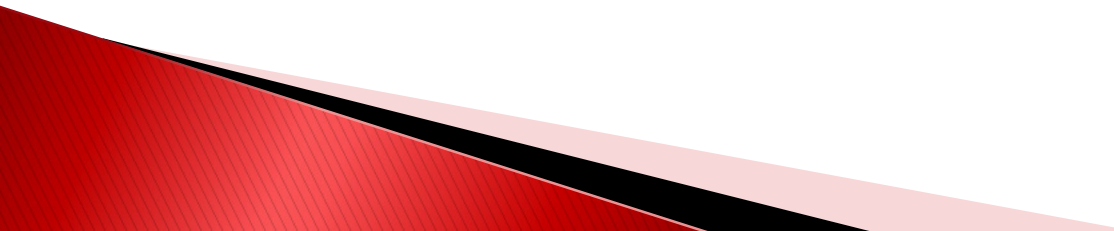
Tobacco Control Resource Center Annual Best Practices Conference

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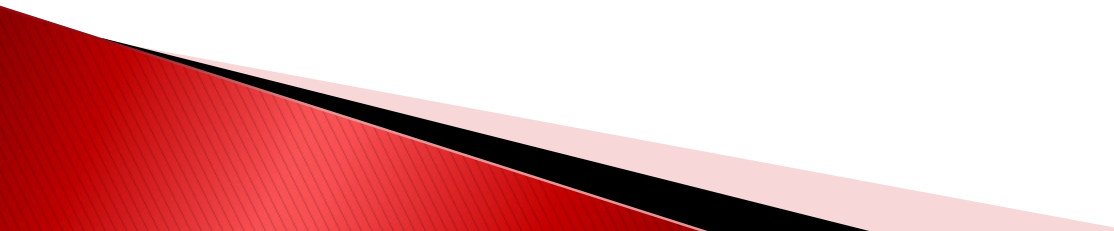
Prince George's County – Cigar Lounge License

- ▶ SB 186/HB 374
 - ▶ Establishes new beer, wine, liquor licenses for cigar bars in PG County
 - ▶ Excludes licensees under Clean Indoor Air Act
 - ▶ Annual license fee of \$900
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Clean Indoor Air Act – Vaping

- ▶ SB 244/HB 238
- ▶ Adds vaping to the CIAA (includes tobacco and cannabis products)
- ▶ Requires signage indicating where and where not to vape
- ▶ Creates a workgroup to study cigar bars and imposes 2-year moratorium on issuing alcoholic beverage licenses to tobacconists
- ▶ Effective July 1, 2024

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission – Funding

- ▶ HB 812/SB 589
 - ▶ Increase in funding from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 to the Council from the Cigarette Restitution Fund
 - ▶ Effective June 1, 2024
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Tobacco Sales Military Exemption

- ▶ SB 220/HB 42
- ▶ Repeals military exemption that allows 18 to 20-year-olds to be sold tobacco products
- ▶ Effective October 1, 2024

Tobacco Tax

- ▶ Increased cigarette tax from \$3.75 to \$5.00 per pack
- ▶ OTP increased from 53% to 60% of the wholesale price – not including cigars
- ▶ ESD increased from 12% to 20% of sales and use tax rate
- ▶ Money goes to Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund
- ▶ Effective July 1, 2024

Tobacco Retail Modernization Act of 2024

- ▶ SB 1056 PASSED
- ▶ Conforms with federal law:
 - Retailers may only display tobacco products, including vapes and excluding premium cigars, behind the counter
 - Tobacconist exception for OTP
 - Retailers must verify a buyer's age through government-issued identification before selling tobacco products

These provisions may be enforced by local health officers/designees.

Tobacco Retail Modernization Act of 2024

- ▶ Mandates MDH or designee conduct at least 1 enforcement check of each retailer annually, with follow up after an underage sale
- ▶ Increases fines for first violation to \$500 under Criminal Law Article and Health-General Article
- ▶ Mandates ATCC suspend for up to 90 days for second violation and up to 180 days for a third violation; and revoke license for subsequent violation.

Tobacco Retail Modernization Act of 2024

- ▶ Raises the retail license fee to \$300
 - Amendments will have \$275 go to MDH for enforcement (except for Montgomery); \$25 to ATCC
- ▶ Makes clear that the licensee may be cited for sale by the clerk!
- ▶ Requires a report from MDH, ATCC, Comptroller, and Department of Education:
 - # of retail licensees, including proximity to schools and health care facilities, and geographic density;
 - Feasibility of limiting # of licensees
 - Prevalence of use, public health and economic impacts of tobacco use, including flavored
 - Due October 1, 2025

Questions?

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