

Supplement), title "Licenses," subtitle "Traders," amending the laws concerning licenses and license fees for certain coin-operated vending machines, including machines for vending cigarettes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 74 (a) and 74 (b) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Licenses," subtitle "Traders," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

74.

(a) Each person, firm, or corporation selling or offering for sale through coin-operated vending machines any articles or goods of merchandise, except cigarettes, for the sale of which a trader's license is required, shall first obtain a license therefor and shall pay an annual license fee for such vending machines as follows:

[For each machine charging from 2¢ to 5¢ for merchandise.....\$1.00
 For each machine charging more than 5¢ for merchandise.....\$2.00]
For each machine charging 2¢ or more for merchandise.....\$2.50

(b) Where the same machine vends more than one type or brand of article, the basis for the fee shall be determined by adding the number of cents required to purchase each type or brand of article sold. For all types of coin-operated vending machines, [including machines for vending cigarettes,] but not including machines for the articles listed at the end of this section, the clerk issuing the license shall supply the licensee with a metal tag or stamp to be applied to such vending machines in accordance with regulations of the State Comptroller. All licenses shall expire on the thirtieth day of April of each year. The license required by this section shall apply to manufacturers as well as others operating such vending machines. Any person, firm, or corporation maintaining or operating any such vending machines, without a license, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars. This section shall not apply to newspapers, magazines, paper cups, paper or cloth towels, soap, toilet seat covers, postage stamps, or sanitary napkins.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10, 1968.

CHAPTER 122

(Senate Bill 200)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, subsection (c) of Section 4A of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland