

chemical known as eugenol, which is a major component of cloves; and

WHEREAS, Imported clove cigarettes contain 60 percent tobacco and 40 percent cloves, as well as twice as much tar and nicotine as moderate tar cigarettes made in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The sales of clove cigarettes have increased ten-fold from 1980, from an estimated 15 million cigarettes sold in 1980 to an estimated 150 million sold in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Many smokers are unaware of the possible lethal effects of smoking clove cigarettes and consider clove cigarettes to be a less offensive and safer alternative to conventional cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, In order to protect the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of this State, including smokers, this Act intends to prohibit the sale of clove cigarettes; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

CLOVE CIGARETTES - SALES PROHIBITED

40A.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE A CLOVE CIGARETTE IN THIS STATE.

(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.
