

CHAPTER 297

(Senate Bill 325)

AN ACT concerning

Tobacco Smoking - Retail Stores

FOR the purpose of prohibiting smoking in certain parts of certain retail stores; providing certain exceptions; defining certain terms; providing that a violation of a certain provision of this Act is a civil offense; providing for the enforcement of this Act; providing that except in Charles and St. Mary's Counties this Act does not prevent a county or municipality in the State from enacting provisions more stringent than this Act; prohibiting Charles and St. Mary's Counties from enacting provisions more stringent than this Act; and relating generally to tobacco smoking in retail stores.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 24-501 through 24-505 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Tobacco Smoking in Retail Stores"

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

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 5. TOBACCO SMOKING IN RETAIL STORES

24-501.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "PUBLIC AREA" MEANS A ROOM OR A PORTION OF A ROOM OR OTHER AREA TO WHICH THE PUBLIC HAS READY ACCESS.

(C) "RETAIL STORE" MEANS ANY ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYING 20 OR MORE FULL-TIME PERSONS WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO SELL TO CONSUMERS ANY GOODS, WARES, FOOD FOR CONSUMPTION OFF THE PREMISES, OR MERCHANDISE.

(D) "SMOKING" MEANS THE ACT OF SMOKING OR CARRYING A BURNING:

(1) CIGAR;