

"ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF A CIGARETTE VENDING MACHINE OPERATOR" MEANS TO:

(1) BUY CIGARETTES FROM A SUBWHOLESALE OR WHOLESALE;

(2) OWN, OPERATE, AND SERVICE VENDING MACHINES USED TO SELL CIGARETTES ON 40 OR MORE PREMISES; AND

(3) (I) POSSESS CIGARETTES FOR SALE TO A CONSUMER THROUGH A VENDING MACHINE USED TO SELL CIGARETTES;

(II) SELL CIGARETTES TO A CONSUMER THROUGH A VENDING MACHINE USED TO SELL CIGARETTES; OR

(III) SERVICE VENDING MACHINES BY MAINTAINING AN ESTABLISHED PLACE OF BUSINESS, INCLUDING WAREHOUSE FACILITIES, FOR THE PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF CIGARETTES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Item (1) of this subsection is new language added to state expressly that which only was implied in the former law -- i.e., that a cigarette vending machine operator may buy cigarettes from subwholesalers and wholesalers.

Items (2) and (3) of this subsection are new language that repeats the provisions of present CL § 11-501(k), which, by cross-reference in former Art. 56, § 66, applied to the business activities of a vending machine operator in this subtitle.

It is revised to define "engage in the business of a vending machine operator" to clarify the scope of business activities of a vending machine operator.

Defined terms: "Cigarette" § 607
"Consumer" § 607 "Sell" § 607
"Subwholesaler" § 610
"Vending machine operator" § 610
"Wholesaler" § 610

(E) ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF A CIGARETTE WHOLESALE.

"ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF A CIGARETTE WHOLESALE" MEANS:

(1) TO BUY UNSTAMPED CIGARETTES DIRECTLY FROM A CIGARETTE MANUFACTURER;

(2) TO POSSESS UNSTAMPED CIGARETTES;

(3) TO BUY TOBACCO TAX STAMPS AS REQUIRED IN § 12-303 OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE;