

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 617(b)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

404.

It shall not be lawful for any dealer, vendor or other person or persons or body corporate engaged in the manufacture of cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, or smokeless tobacco, or in any occupation in which the buying or selling of said goods, wares and merchandise shall constitute the whole or any part of his, her, its or their occupation, to sell, barter or give any cigar or cigars, cigarette or cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco, or smokeless tobacco to any individual under the age of [16] 18 years, [unless previously authorized in writing by the parent or guardian of such individual, or] unless such individual is acting solely as the agent of his employer; nor shall it be lawful for any person not a dealer to purchase for any individual under the age of [16] 18 years any cigar or cigars, cigarette or cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco, or smokeless tobacco.

405.

(A) [Any] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ANY person or persons or body corporate being a manufacturer, dealer, vendor as aforesaid, or any other person or persons or body corporate violating the provisions of § 404 of this article, shall, upon conviction thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction, be fined in a sum of not [less than ten dollars nor] more than one hundred dollars for each and every offense[, or imprisoned in jail for not less than five nor more than thirty days in default in payment of said fine].

(B) IF THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 56, § 617(B)(3) OF THE CODE ARE SATISFIED, THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO THE OWNER OF A TOBACCO PRODUCT VENDING MACHINE OR ANY OTHER PERSON EXERCISING CONTROL OVER A TOBACCO PRODUCT VENDING MACHINE IF A PERSON UNDER 18 HAS PURCHASED A TOBACCO PRODUCT FROM A VENDING MACHINE.