

16-210.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 16-211 of this subtitle, the Comptroller may deny a license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

(1) fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant or licensee or for another person;

(2) fraudulently or deceptively uses a license;

(3) fails to comply with the Maryland Cigarette Sales Below Cost Act or regulations adopted under that Act; or

(4) buys cigarettes for resale:

(i) in violation of a license; or

(ii) from a person who is not a cigarette manufacturer, licensed subwholesaler, licensed vending machine operator, or licensed wholesaler.

(b) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 16-211 of this subtitle, the Comptroller may SUSPEND OR revoke a license [to act as a wholesaler] if the licensee violates:

(1) Title 12 of the Tax - General Article, OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THAT TITLE; OR

(2) TITLE 16 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE, OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THAT TITLE.

(c) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 16-211 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall deny a license to any applicant who has had a license revoked under this section until:

(1) 1 year has passed since the license was revoked; and

(2) it satisfactorily appears to the Comptroller that the applicant will comply with this title and any regulations adopted under this title.

16-212.

(a) Subject to the notice requirement of Subsection (c) of this section, if a licensee engages in an act or omission that is a ground for discipline under § 16-210 of this subtitle, the Comptroller [shall] MAY suspend the license for a consecutive period that:

(1) for a first offense, is not less than 5 nor more than 20 business days; or

(2) for a subsequent offense, is not less than 20 business days nor more than 6 months.

(b) Subject to the notice requirement under subsection (c) of this section, the Comptroller [shall] MAY revoke a license if a licensee: