

**CHAPTER 95****(House Bill 469)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Tobacco Authority - Regulatory Powers**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons selling leaf tobacco to keep certain records; authorizing the inspection of certain records by the State Tobacco Authority; authorizing the Authority to order certain tobacco off-sale, to impose a civil penalty, and to seek injunctive relief against a certain person who violates the Authority's regulatory requirements; expanding the circumstances under which the Authority may revoke or suspend certain licenses; and generally relating to the regulatory powers of the State Tobacco Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 7-209 and 7-403

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture

Section 7-210, 7-211, and 7-419

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

**Article - Agriculture**

7-209.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person may not engage in any of the following businesses without first obtaining an annual license upon payment of the prescribed fee:

Business	Name of License	Fee
(1) Commission selling agency	Commission selling agency	\$525
(2) Transfer buyer	Transfer buyer's license	\$300
(3) Purchaser of leaf tobacco from a commission selling agency	Sales floor buyer's license	\$300