

(b) On or before January 1, 2000, submit a report on its findings to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the date that the regulations adopted under Section 3 of this Act take effect. Within 5 days after final adoption of the regulations under Section 3 of this Act, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall certify in writing to the Department of Legislative Services the date on which the regulations take effect.

SECTION 2-6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

Approved April 27, 1999.

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## CHAPTER 262

### (House Bill 667)

AN ACT concerning

#### Cigarettes - Regulation

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain persons from shipping, importing, or selling into or within this State any brand of cigarette; requiring certain persons to comply with certain federal and State requirements and to provide a certain assurance; providing that a certain person is subject to certain disciplinary action under certain circumstances; specifying a certain penalty for certain violations of this Act; and generally relating to the regulation of cigarettes.

BY adding to

Article - Business Regulation  
Section 16-222  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - General  
Section 13-1015  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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