

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

Article - Business Regulation

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;

(4) fails to comply with the provisions of Title 11, Subtitle 5A of the Commercial Law Article;

(5) buys cigarettes for resale:

(i) in violation of a license; or

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

(6) is convicted, under the laws of the United States or of any other state, of:

(i) a felony; or

(ii) a misdemeanor that is a crime of moral turpitude and is directly related to the fitness and qualification of the applicant or licensee; or

(7) has not paid a tax due before October 1 of the year after the tax became due.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.