

# HOUSE BILL 1294

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By: **Delegate Charles**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Businesses and Retail Establishments – Hand Sanitizer**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain business and retail establishments to provide hand  
4 sanitizer at each touch screen that is used by customers; authorizing the Maryland  
5 Department of Health to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and  
6 generally relating to the provision of hand sanitizer at business and retail  
7 establishments.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 24–213

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **24–213.**

17 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
18 **INDICATED.**

19 **(2) “CUSTOMER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LAWFULLY ON THE**  
20 **PREMISES OF A BUSINESS OR RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT.**

21 **(3) “HAND SANITIZER” MEANS A TOPICAL CONSUMER ANTISEPTIC**  
22 **RUB:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(I) PRODUCED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF**  
2 **THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION; AND**

3                   **(II) THAT CONTAINS AT LEAST 60% ALCOHOL.**

4                   **(4) "TOUCH SCREEN" MEANS AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE CONTAINING**  
5 **AN INTERFACE THAT MAY BE OPERATED BY:**

6                   **(I) DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL'S FINGER AND**  
7 **THE INTERFACE; OR**

8                   **(II) THE USE OF A STYLUS.**

9                   **(B) ANY BUSINESS OR RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT THAT HAS A TOUCH SCREEN**  
10 **FOR USE BY A CUSTOMER SHALL PROVIDE HAND SANITIZER AT EACH TOUCH SCREEN**  
11 **THAT IS USED BY A CUSTOMER.**

12                   **(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**  
13 **SECTION.**

14                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2021.