

SB0244/723328/1

BY: Senator Watson

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 244, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In the Finance Committee Amendments (SB0244/543024/1), in Amendment No. 1, strike beginning with “altering” in line 2 down through “businesses;” in line 3.

On page 1 of the bill, in line 6, before “and” insert “requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a workgroup to study the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses to tobacconists; prohibiting a local alcoholic beverages license from being issued to a tobacconist during a certain period of time;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In the Finance Committee Amendments, strike Amendment No. 2 in its entirety.

On page 5 of the bill, before line 19, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Department of Health shall convene a workgroup to study the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses to tobacconists.

(b) The workgroup shall include:

(1) two Senators designated by the President of the Senate;

(2) two Delegates designated by the Speaker of the House;

(3) one representative from the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission;

- (4) one representative from the Maryland Department of Health; and
- (5) one representative from a cigar retailers trade association.

(c) On or before July 1, 2025, the workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a local alcoholic beverages license may not be issued to a tobacconist from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026, both inclusive.”;

in line 19, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; and in line 22, strike “3.” and substitute “5.”.