



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

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Chairman: Delores G. Kelley
Members of Senate Finance Committee

RE: SB 273 Electronic Smoking Devises Regulations Act of 2021

Position: In Opposition

SB 273 picks winners and losers between retailers. While a Vape shop can mix up juice and put it in a pod, even with flavor, a convenience retailer would lose their license to sell a product that is considered an ESD .

The inequities of picking winners and losers.

While a vape shop can sell their liquid without a state recognized laboratory certifying ingredients are safe when aerosolized, they are required to file a list of components and ingredients to local health department and executive director. A convenience retailer cannot sell even when certified by a recognized laboratory. Is the state setting up a laboratory to certify ingredients when aerosolized?

I am not trying to make vape shops a villain. I am just pointing out that convenience retailers sell products that customers want, and they age verify at 21 or older. We have reliable Maryland wholesalers that sell ESD products. Our convenience retailers employ thousands of residents.

Black markets that illegally sell tobacco and ESD products are a problem now. Banning sealed devises will only enhance the illegal market where there is no age verification and drive Maryland retail customers to our neighboring states along with gas and store sales.

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Please give SB 273 an unfavorable Report

WMDA/CAR is a trade association that has represented service stations, convenience stores and independent repair shops since 1937. Any questions can be addressed to Kirk McCauley, 301-775-0221 or kmccauley@wmda.net