

Law and Policy Promoting Public Health

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The Network for Public Health Law

» **Funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

The mission of the Foundation is to improve the health and health care of all Americans. Our goal is clear: To help our society transform itself for the better.

» **One National Coordinating Center**

Donna Levin, Executive Director

» **Five Regional Offices**

Northern, Western, Mid-States, Southeastern, Eastern

» **Three Existing Program Partners**

1. Policies for Action (Public Health Law Research Program)
2. ChangeLab Solutions
3. Public Health Law Center/Tobacco Control Legal Consortium

The Network for Public Health Law

- ◆ “Promoting health and health equity through law & policy”
- ◆ Connects and serves individuals and organizations committed to applying the law to improve public health
- ◆ Funded by RWJF since Sept. 2010 to increase the use and effectiveness of public health laws in protecting, promoting, and improving public health
- ◆ Primary functions:
 - ✓ Technical Assistance
 - ✓ Proactive Deliverables (fact sheets, issue briefs, webinars, 50-state compilations, blog, updates, and alerts)
 - ✓ Knowledge Base
 - ✓ Create a Network of experts

Our School Health Work

- ◆ Education as a SDOH
- ◆ Impact of housing in stable schooling, school nutrition programs, RTS after mTBI, school environment, safe routes to school, discipline policy, special education law, etc.
- ◆ Partnership with National Association of School Nurses since 2016 to research and publish resources on laws affecting school nursing. Resources include:
 - ✓ Report: Health and Attendance - The Critical Role of School Nurses in Reducing Chronic Absence
 - ✓ Fact Sheet: The Role of School Nurses in Managing Students with Mild Brain Injury
 - ✓ 50 State Survey: School Nursing Scope of Practice
 - ✓ Data Privacy Primer I and II
 - ✓ Data Sharing in Schools (FERPA and HIPAA)
 - ✓ Medicaid Payment for School Nursing Services

LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY

- **Founded in 2001 as a partnership between UM School of Law, Maryland Department of Health, and Maryland Office of the Attorney General**
- **CDC/MDH grant-funded legal center**
- ***Pro bono* legal assistance to:**
 - Legislators
 - Health officials
 - Gov't Attorneys
 - NGOs
 - Individual Citizens
- **Focus areas include:**
 - State/Local Legislation
 - Injury Prevention
 - Tobacco Regulation
 - School Health
 - Cannabis/Marijuana



General Assembly of Maryland 2018 Session - Public Health Tracker

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Bill #	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Bill #	Cross File	Prior Session History	Topic	Title	Description	Hearing & Voting	Lead Sponsor(s)	Cross Bill Status	Notes	
2	HB0047	SB0090	N/A	Business Regulation and Occupations	Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems Retailer License - Sales Through Mail or Electronic Network	Allows ENDS retailers to sell directly to consumers through mail, telephone, or other electronic network.	In the House-Returned Passed	Delegate Jameson	In the Senate-Returned Passed	Bill is an Emergency Bill.
3	HB0606	N/A	Introduced in a prior session as HB0703 Session: 2017 Regular Session	Appropriations	Public Health- Tobacco Control Funding	Requires \$21,000,000 in funding for fiscal year 2020 and each year thereafter for activities related to reducing tobacco use in Maryland.	Hearing on 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. in House Appropriations	Delegate Rosenberg	N/A	
4	HB0953	SB0456	N/A	Business Regulation and Occupations	Tobacco Products - Minimum Age and Civil Fines	Prohibiting the distribution of tobacco products to any individuals under the age of 21, and requires the person distributing to check a government-issued identification of any prospective purchaser who the distributor reasonably believes to be under the age of 30 years old in order to determine the date of birth of the prospective purchaser or recipient.	Hearing on 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. in House Economic Matters	Delegate Morales	Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m. in Senate Finance	
5	HB1094	N/A	N/A	Criminal Law- Distribution to Minors	Distribution of Electronic Cigarettes to Minors- Prohibition and Penalties	Prohibits under criminal law a person that distributes tobacco products for commercial purposes from distributing to a minor an electronic nicotine delivery system. Further, prohibits minors from using, possessing, obtaining or attempting to obtain an electronic nicotine delivery system.	In the House-Returned Passed	Delegate Rosenberg	N/A	
6	HB1737	SB1766	N/A	Business Regulation and Occupations	Charles County- Cigarette Retailers- County License Fee	Increases the fee from \$25 to \$125 for a county license to sell cigarettes at retail in Charles County.	In the House- Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters	Charles County Delegation	In the House- Rereferred to Economic Matters	
7	HB1752	N/A	N/A	Health Occupations	Aids for the Cessation of Tobacco Product Use- Prescribing and Dispensing by Pharmacists and Health Insurance Coverage	Authorizes a pharmacist who meets certain requirements to prescribe and dispense medications approved by the FDA as an aid for the cessation of the use of tobacco products.	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Delegate Hayes	N/A	

Passed Legislation - Injury Prevention - House - Injury Prevention - Senate - **Tobacco - House** - Tobacco - Senate - Schools - House - Schools - S



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- Injury Prevention
 - Tobacco
 - School Health
 - Marijuana
 - Alcohol
- Food
- Opioids
- Gambling
- Other

Email Blair Inniss at binniss@law.umaryland.edu to be added to our listserv.



HB3: Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products – Prohibition

- Prohibits the manufacturing, shipping, importing, or selling of flavored tobacco products in MD
- Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both
- Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations
- Emergency bill – effective upon enactment



SB54: Electronic Smoking Devices - Added Flavoring - Prohibition on Shipping, Import, or Sale

- Prohibits shipping, importing, or selling any ESD to which an artificial or natural flavoring, other than tobacco, is added to impart a particular aroma or taste
- Finance
- Emergency bill – effective upon enactment



SB65: Counties – Construction of Sidewalks and Crosswalks – Safe Alternative Routes to Public Schools

- Requires county boards to prepare a report that identifies safe routes to school for students who are ineligible for transportation services
- Reports will be posted on the county website
- Each year the governing body of the county shall review the report and construct any sidewalks and crosswalks necessary to create safe alternative routes to school
- Hearing 1/22 @ 1:00pm Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
- Effective June 1, 2020



The Role You Can Play Once a Bill is Filed

- **Start Talking with Committee Members**
 - In person visits; provide one-pager with your contact information
 - Bring constituents with you
- **Start Educating the Public**
 - Letters to the Editor/Secure OpEd
 - Press releases/conferences
- **Hearings**
 - Little notice
 - Oral testimony
 - Written testimony



Questions?