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By: Senator Beidle

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Assigned to: Finance

AN ACT concerning

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## A BILL ENTITLED

2	Other Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices - Seizure and

Wholesaler Licensure Requirements

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Executive Director of the Alcol

- FOR the purpose of authorizing the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission or a peace officer to seize other tobacco products and electronic smoking devices that are sold or offered for sale in violation of certain provisions of law without a warrant; establishing procedures for the return and destruction of certain property seized by the Executive Director or a peace officer; establishing an electronic smoking devices wholesaler license and certain record–keeping requirements for electronic smoking devices wholesalers; and generally relating to other tobacco products and electronic smoking devices.
- 12 BY renumbering
- 13 Article Business Regulation
- 14 Section 16.7–213.1
- 15 to be Section 16.7–213.2
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (2024 Replacement Volume)
- 18 BY adding to
- 19 Article Business Regulation
- 20 Section 16.5–217.2, 16.7–101(f), 16.7–213.1, and 16.7–213.3
- 21 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 22 (2024 Replacement Volume)
- 23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 24 Article Business Regulation
- 25 Section 16.7–101(a)
- 26 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 27 (2024 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 2 Article Business Regulation
- 3 Section 16.7–101(d) and (f) through (l), 16.7–201, 16.7–202(a), 16.7–203(a), 16.7–204,
- 4 16.7–206, and 16.7–211(a)
- 5 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 6 (2024 Replacement Volume)
- 7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.
- 8 That Section(s) 16.7–213.1 of Article Business Regulation of the Annotated Code of
- 9 Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 16.7–213.2.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
- 11 as follows:

## **Article – Business Regulation**

- 13 **16.5–217.2.**
- 14 (A) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR A PEACE OFFICER MAY SEIZE OTHER
- 15 TOBACCO PRODUCTS THAT ARE SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE IN THE STATE IN
- 16 VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE WITHOUT A WARRANT.
- 17 (B) (1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR PEACE OFFICER SHALL GIVE
- 18 NOTICE OF A SEIZURE TO THE PERSON FROM WHOM THE PROPERTY IS SEIZED AT
- 19 THE TIME OF SEIZURE.
- 20 (2) A NOTICE OF SEIZURE SHALL STATE THE RIGHT OF THE OWNER
- 21 OR OTHER INTERESTED PERSON TO FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE SEIZED
- 22 PROPERTY.
- 23 (C) A PEACE OFFICER WHO SEIZES OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS UNDER
- 24 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL DELIVER THE SEIZED OTHER TOBACCO
- 25 PRODUCTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR TAKE IT TO A LOCATION DESIGNATED
- 26 BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
- 27 (D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE OWNER
- 28 OR ANOTHER INTERESTED PERSON MAY FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE
- 29 PROPERTY WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE SEIZURE
- 30 **OF THE PROPERTY.**
- 31 (2) A PERSON FORFEITS ANY INTEREST IN, RIGHT TO, OR TITLE TO
- 32 THE OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS SEIZED FOR VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE IF THE
- 33 PERSON FAILS TO TIMELY FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY
- 34 WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

- 1 (E) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, IF A PERSON FILES A
  2 CLAIM FOR THE RETURN OF PROPERTY SEIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
  3 SECTION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE
  4 SHALL:
- 5 (1) PROMPTLY ACT ON THE CLAIM AND HOLD AN INFORMAL HEARING; 6 AND
- 7 (2) UNLESS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE 8 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE HAS SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE THAT THE OWNER OR 9 PERSON WAS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE AT THE TIME 10 OF SEIZURE, DIRECT RETURN OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY.
- 11 (F) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE
  12 SHALL GRANT OR DENY THE CLAIM FOR RETURN OF SEIZED OTHER TOBACCO
  13 PRODUCTS BY MAILING THE OWNER OR PERSON A NOTICE OF FINAL
  14 DETERMINATION.
- 15 (G) A PERSON WHO POSSESSED OR OFFERED FOR SALE OTHER TOBACCO 16 PRODUCTS THAT ARE SEIZED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT RELIEVED FROM 17 RESPONSIBILITY FOR:
- 18 (1) ANY PENALTY UNDER THIS TITLE OR TITLE 16 OR TITLE 16.7 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR
- 20 (2) REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, 21 OR DISPOSAL OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY.
- 22 (H) (1) OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS SEIZED BY THE STATE UNDER THIS 23 TITLE SHALL BE TRANSPORTED, STORED, AND DESTROYED IN COMPLIANCE WITH 24 APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAW.
- 25 (2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF ALL PROPERTY DESTROYED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION THAT INCLUDES A DESCRIPTION OF:
- 28 (I) THE NATURE OF THE PROPERTY;
- 29 (II) THE QUANTITY OF THE PROPERTY;
- 30 (III) THE REASON FOR THE SEIZURE OF THE PROPERTY; AND
- 31 (IV) THE MANNER OF DESTRUCTION.

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1	(3) (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY IMPOSE AND COLLECT
2	COSTS SUFFICIENT TO COVER TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL OF
3	OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS SEIZED BY THE STATE UNDER THIS SECTION.
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4	(II) FAILURE TO PAY COSTS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS
5	PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF A
6	LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.
7	(4) (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY RECOVER, IN AN ACTION
8	BROUGHT UNDER THIS SECTION, REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN
9	INVESTIGATING AND PREPARING THE CASE, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES.
10	(II) FAILURE TO PAY EXPENSES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OI
11	THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REVOCATION
12	OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.
13	(5) (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL POST A NOTICE OF EACH
14	SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE FOR A PERIOD OF NOT
15	LESS THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE NOTICE OF SEIZURE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
16	SECTION.
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17	(II) NOTICE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH
18	SHALL INCLUDE:
19	1. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED;
10	1. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED,
20	2. THE REASON FOR THE SEIZURE; AND
21	3. THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SEIZURE.
22	16.7–101.
23	(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
20	(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
24	(d) "Electronic smoking devices manufacturer" means a person that:
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25	(1) manufactures, mixes, or otherwise produces electronic smoking devices
26	intended for sale in the State, including electronic smoking devices intended for sale in the
27	United States through an importer; and
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28	(2) (i) sells electronic smoking devices to a consumer, if the consumer

purchases or orders the devices through the mail, a computer network, a telephonic

network, or another electronic network, A LICENSED ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES

WHOLESALER, a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or a licensed 1 2 electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer in the State; 3 if the electronic smoking devices manufacturer also holds a license to act as an electronic smoking devices retailer or a vape shop vendor, sells electronic 4 smoking devices in the same manner as a vape shop vendor to consumers located in the 5 6 State; or 7 unless otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this (iii) 8 article, or the Criminal Law Article, distributes sample electronic smoking devices to a licensed electronic smoking devices retailer or vape shop vendor. 9 "ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER" MEANS A PERSON 10 **(F)** 11 THAT: 12 **(1)** HOLDS ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES FOR SALE TO ANOTHER 13 PERSON FOR RESALE; OR **(2)** 14 SELLS ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES TO ANOTHER PERSON FOR 15 RESALE. 16 [(f)] (G) "Electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor" means a person 17 that: 18 (1) obtains at least 70% of its electronic smoking devices from a holder of 19 an electronic smoking devices manufacturer license under this subtitle or a business entity 20 located in the United States; and 21 (2) holds electronic smoking devices for sale to another person for (i) 22 resale: or 23(ii) sells electronic smoking devices to another person for resale. 24[(g)] **(H)** "Electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer" means a person that: 25 obtains at least 70% of its electronic smoking devices from a business (1)26 entity located in a foreign country; and 27 (2) holds electronic smoking devices for sale to another person for (i) 28resale; or 29 (ii) sells electronic smoking devices to another person for resale. 30 "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Alcohol, [(h)] (I) 31 Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission.

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1	[(i)] (J)	"License" means:
2 3	(1) title to:	a license issued by the Executive Director under § 16.7–203(a) of this
4		(i) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices manufacturer;
5 6	WHOLESALER;	(II) ACT AS A LICENSED ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES
7 8	distributor; or	[(ii)] (III) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler
9	importer; or	[(iii)] (IV) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler
1	(2)	a license issued by the clerk under § 16.7–203(b) of this title to:
12		(i) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices retailer; or
13		(ii) act as a licensed vape shop vendor.
14 15	[(j)] (K) transfer, title or	"Sell" means to exchange or transfer, or to agree to exchange or possession of property, in any manner or by any means, for consideration.
16 17 18	[(k)] (L) sells electronic splace of business	"Vape shop vendor" means an electronic smoking devices business that smoking devices and related accessories to consumers on the premises of its s.
9	[(l)] (M)	"Vaping liquid" means a liquid that:
20 21	substance; (1)	consists of propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, or other similar
22	(2)	may or may not contain natural or artificial flavors;
23	(3)	may or may not contain nicotine; and
24 25	device. (4)	converts to vapor intended for inhalation when heated in an electronic
26	16.7–201.	
27	(a) A <sub>1</sub>	person must hold an appropriate license before the person may act as:

an electronic smoking devices manufacturer;

1	(2	2) an ele	ctronic smoking devices retailer;
2	(3	3) AN EI	LECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER;
3	[0	(3) <b>] (4)</b>	an electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor;
4	[0	(4) <b>] (5)</b>	an electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer; or
5	[0	(5) <b>] (6)</b>	a vape shop vendor.
6 7			usiness in which a person acts as an electronic smoking devices ndor must hold an appropriate license.
8	16.7–202.		
9 10 11	manufacturer,	, ELECTRO	oplicant for a license to act as an electronic smoking devices <b>ONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER</b> , electronic smoking outor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer shall:
12 13 14	application to Executive Dire		obtain an appropriate county license by submitting an ive Director on the form and containing the information that the es;
15		(ii)	indicate the licenses for which the applicant is applying; and
16 17	Executive Dire	(iii) ector a fee o	except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, pay to the f \$25 for each license for which the applicant applies.
18 19 20	DEVICES WHO	OLESALER,	oplicant for a license to act as an <b>ELECTRONIC SMOKING</b> , electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic er importer shall pay to the Executive Director a fee of \$150.
21	16.7–203.		
22 23 24 25	that meets the devices manu	e requireme ıfacturer,  I	ve Director shall issue an appropriate license to each applicant ents of this subtitle for a license to act as an electronic smoking <b>ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER</b> , electronic er distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer.
26	16.7–204.		
27 28	(a) A	an electroni	c smoking devices manufacturer license authorizes the licensee

sell electronic smoking devices to:

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and vape shop vendors;

1 2	State;	(i)	a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler located in the
3 4	outside the State if	(ii) The el	an electronic smoking devices wholesaler or retailer located ectronic smoking devices may be sold lawfully in Maryland;
5		(iii)	a licensed vape shop vendor; and
6		(iv)	a consumer if:
7			1. the licensee manufactured the devices; and
8	mail, a computer n	etworl	2. the consumer purchases or orders the devices through the x, a telephonic network, or another electronic network;
10 11 12 13		n elect	electronic smoking devices manufacturer licensee also holds a tronic smoking devices retailer or a vape shop vendor, transfer s to inventory for sale under the retail license or vape shop license;
14 15 16		ıw Art	t as otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this article, icle, distribute electronic smoking devices products to a licensed es retailer or vape shop vendor.
17	(b) An ele	ectroni	c smoking devices retailer license authorizes the licensee to:
18	(1)	sell el	ectronic smoking devices to consumers;
19 20 21	(2) DEVICES WHOLES smoking devices w	SALER	electronic smoking devices from an <b>ELECTRONIC SMOKING</b> , electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic ler importer;
22 23 24		smoki	electronic smoking devices retailer licensee also holds a license to ing devices manufacturer, sell at retail electronic smoking devices manufacturer license; and
25 26 27		Article	t as otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this article, e, or § 24–305 of the Health – General Article, distribute sample es products to consumers in the State.
28 29 30		holesa	CONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER LICENSE, electronic ler distributor license, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler es the licensee to:

sell electronic smoking devices to electronic smoking devices retailers

- 1 (2)buy electronic smoking devices directly from an electronic smoking 2 devices manufacturer and an ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER, electronic 3 smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer;
- hold electronic smoking devices; and 4 (3)
- **(4)** sell electronic smoking devices to another licensed ELECTRONIC 6 SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or 7 electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer.
- 8 (d) A vape shop vendor license authorizes the licensee to:
- 9 sell electronic smoking devices as a vape shop vendor to consumers on 10 the premises of the licensee's place of business;
- 11 if the vape shop vendor licensee also holds a license to act as an 12 electronic smoking devices manufacturer, sell at retail on the vape shop vendor premises 13 electronic smoking devices manufactured under the manufacturer license; and
- 14 buy electronic smoking devices from an electronic smoking devices 15 manufacturer, AN ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER, an electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or an electronic smoking devices wholesaler 16 17 importer.
- 16.7 206.18

- 19 (a) (1) A licensed electronic smoking devices retailer or a licensed vape shop 20 vendor may not assign the license.
- 21 If a licensed ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER, 22electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler 23importer sells the licensee's electronic smoking devices business and pays to the Executive 24Director a license assignment fee of \$10, the licensee may assign the license to the buyer of 25the business if the buyer otherwise qualifies under this title for an electronic smoking 26 devices wholesaler's distributor or importer license.
- 27 If the electronic smoking devices business of a licensee is transferred because (b) 28 of bankruptcy, death, incompetency, receivership, or otherwise by operation of law, the 29 Executive Director shall transfer the license without charge to the new owner of the 30 licensee's business if the transferee otherwise qualifies under this title for the license being 31 transferred.
- 32 If a licensed ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER, (1) 33 electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler 34 importer surrenders the license to the Executive Director and if no disciplinary proceedings

- are pending against the licensee, the Executive Director shall refund a pro rata portion of the license fee for the unexpired term of the license.
- 3 (2) A licensed electronic smoking devices retailer or a licensed vape shop 4 vendor is not allowed a refund for the unexpired term of the license.
- 5 16.7–211.
- 6 (a) A person may not act, attempt to act, or offer to act as an electronic smoking devices manufacturer, an electronic smoking devices retailer, AN ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER, an electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, an electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer, or a vape shop vendor in the State unless the person has an appropriate license.
- 11 **16.7–213.1.**
- 12 (A) EACH ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER SHALL:
- 13 (1) RECEIVE AN INVOICE FOR EACH PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC 14 SMOKING DEVICES;
- 15 (2) KEEP A RECORD OF ALL ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES
- 16 RECEIVED, TO WHICH THE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER SHALL
- 17 POST EACH DAY:
- 18 (I) THE INVOICE NUMBER;
- 19 (II) THE DATE OF RECEIPT;
- 20 (III) THE QUANTITY RECEIVED;
- 21 (IV) THE BRAND;
- 22 (V) THE MANUFACTURER; AND
- 23 (VI) THE NAME OF THE PERSON FROM WHOM THE ELECTRONIC 24 SMOKING DEVICES ARE RECEIVED;
- 25 (3) (I) KEEP A RECORD OF THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH 26 ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES RETAILER TO WHICH A SALE IS MADE; AND
- 27 (II) PREPARE FOR EACH SALE OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING
- 28 DEVICES TO A RETAILER AN INVOICE THAT SHOWS THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
- 29 WHERE THE RETAILER IS LOCATED; AND

- 1 (4) KEEP A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF EACH SALE OF 2 ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES TO AN OUT-OF-STATE PERSON FOR RESALE TO 3 OUT-OF-STATE CONSUMERS.
- 4 (B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, 5 EACH ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER SHALL MAKE AN INVENTORY 6 RECORD EACH MONTH OF ALL ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES ON THE PREMISES 7 OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER:
- 8 (I) AT THE BEGINNING OR END OF THE MONTH; OR
- 9 (II) ON ANOTHER SPECIFIC DAY OF THE MONTH, IF THE 10 ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER FINDS IT MORE PRACTICABLE TO 11 TAKE INVENTORY ON THAT DAY.
- 12 (2) ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES TRANSFERRED TO RETAIL
  13 STOCK BY WRITTEN MEMORANDUM NEED NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE INVENTORY
  14 RECORD.
- 15 (C) EACH ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER SHALL:
- 16 (1) KEEP THE RECORDS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION FOR 6 YEARS OR
  17 FOR A SHORTER TIME SET BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND
- 18 (2) ALLOW THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXAMINE THE RECORDS.
- 19 **16.7–213.3.**
- 20 (A) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR A PEACE OFFICER MAY SEIZE 21 ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES THAT ARE SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE IN THE 22 STATE IN VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE WITHOUT A WARRANT.
- 23 (B) (1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR PEACE OFFICER SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF A SEIZURE TO THE PERSON FROM WHICH THE PROPERTY IS SEIZED AT THE TIME OF SEIZURE.
- 26 (2) A NOTICE OF SEIZURE SHALL STATE THE RIGHT OF THE OWNER OR OTHER INTERESTED PERSON TO FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY.
- 29 (C) A PEACE OFFICER WHO SEIZES ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES UNDER 30 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL DELIVER THE SEIZED PROPERTY TO THE

- 1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR TAKE IT TO A LOCATION DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE
- 2 DIRECTOR.
- 3 (D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE OWNER
- 4 OR INTERESTED PERSON MAY FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE PROPERTY WITH
- 5 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE SEIZURE OF THE
- 6 PROPERTY.
- 7 (2) A PERSON FORFEITS ANY INTEREST IN, RIGHT TO, OR TITLE TO
- 8 THE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES SEIZED FOR VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE IF THE
- 9 PERSON FAILS TO TIMELY FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY
- 10 WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- 11 (E) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, IF A PERSON FILES A
- 12 CLAIM FOR THE RETURN OF PROPERTY SEIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
- 13 SECTION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE
- 14 SHALL:
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- 16 AND
- 17 (2) UNLESS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE
- 18 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE HAS SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE THAT THE OWNER OR
- 19 PERSON WAS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE AT THE TIME
- 20 OF SEIZURE, DIRECT RETURN OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY.
- 21 (F) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE
- 22 SHALL GRANT OR DENY THE CLAIM FOR RETURN OF SEIZED ELECTRONIC SMOKING
- 23 DEVICES BY MAILING THE OWNER OR PERSON A NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION.
- 24 (G) A PERSON WHO POSSESSED OR OFFERED FOR SALE ELECTRONIC
- 25 SMOKING DEVICES THAT ARE SEIZED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT RELIEVED FROM
- 26 RESPONSIBILITY FOR:
- 27 (1) ANY PENALTY UNDER THIS TITLE OR TITLE 16 OR TITLE 16.5 OF
- 28 THIS ARTICLE; OR
- 29 (2) REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE,
- 30 OR DISPOSAL OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY.
- 31 (H) (1) ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES SEIZED BY THE STATE UNDER
- 32 THIS TITLE SHALL BE TRANSPORTED, STORED, AND DESTROYED IN COMPLIANCE
- 33 WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAW.

1	(2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
$\frac{1}{2}$	DESIGNEE, SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF ALL PROPERTY DESTROYED UNDER THIS
3	SUBSECTION THAT INCLUDES A DESCRIPTION OF:
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5	(II) THE QUANTITY OF THE PROPERTY;
6	(III) THE REASON FOR THE SEIZURE OF THE PROPERTY; AND
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9	COSTS SUFFICIENT TO COVER TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL OF
10	ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES SEIZED BY THE STATE UNDER THIS SECTION.
11	(II) FAILURE TO PAY COSTS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS
12	PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF A
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20	(5) (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL POST A NOTICE OF EACH
21	SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE FOR A PERIOD OF NOT
22	LESS THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE NOTICE OF SEIZURE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
23	SECTION.
24	(II) NOTICE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH
25	SHALL INCLUDE:
26	1. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED;
27	2. THE REASON FOR THE SEIZURE; AND
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28	3. THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SEIZURE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.