CODE OF MARYLAND

ARTICLE 24: POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

TITLE 15: TOBACCO PRODUCT SALES

§ 15-102.1. St. Mary's County; distribution of tobacco products to minors prohibited

(a) In this section, "distribute" means to:

(1) Give, sell, deliver, dispense, or issue;
(2) Offer to give, sell, deliver, dispense, or issue; or
(3) Cause or hire any person to give, sell, deliver, dispense, or issue or offer to give, sell, deliver, dispense, or issue.

(b) This section applies only in St. Mary's County.

(c) A person may not:

(1) Distribute any tobacco product to a minor, unless the minor is acting solely as the agent of the minor's employer who is engaged in the business of distributing tobacco products;
(2) Distribute cigarette rolling papers to a minor; or
(3) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, distribute to a minor a coupon redeemable for a tobacco product.

(d) Subsection (c)(3) of this section does not apply to the distribution of a coupon that is redeemable for a tobacco product if the coupon:

(1) Is contained in a newspaper, magazine, or other type of publication and the coupon is incidental to the primary purpose of the publication; or
(2) Is sent through the mail.

(e) A person has not violated this section if:

(1) The person examined the driver's license or other valid government-issued identification presented by the recipient of a tobacco product, cigarette rolling paper, or coupon redeemable for a tobacco product; and
(2) The license or other identification positively identified the recipient as being at least 18 years old.

(f) A person who violates this section is committing a civil infraction and is subject to a civil penalty of:

(1) $300 for the first violation; and
(2) $500 for any subsequent violation within a 24-month period from the previous citation.