

HOUSE BILL 968

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CF SB 734

By: **Delegate A. Johnson**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Licensing – Definition of Storage Warehouse**

3 FOR the purpose of altering, with respect to business licensing requirements in the State,
4 the definition of “storage warehouse” to exclude a self-service storage facility; and
5 generally relating to the licensing and regulation of storage warehouses.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Business Regulation

8 Section 17–1201

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2024 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – Business Regulation

13 Section 17–1202

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2024 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Business Regulation**

19 17–1201.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) “Storage warehouse” means a building or structure used for keeping goods for a fee.

(2) “STORAGE WAREHOUSE” DOES NOT INCLUDE A SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY.

(c) “Storage warehouse license” means a license issued by the clerk to keep a storage warehouse.

17–1202.

A person must have a storage warehouse license whenever the person keeps a storage warehouse where goods are stored for a fee in the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.