OLR Bill Analysis
HB 5139

AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO BARS.

SUMMARY

This bill allows additional tobacco bars to allow smoking indoors, including smoking e-cigarettes. It also allows such bars to expand in size or change locations.

Under current law, only tobacco bars with an alcoholic liquor permit before December 31, 2002, that generate 10% or more of their income from onsite tobacco product sales and the rental of onsite humidors can allow smoking indoors. The bill eliminates the (1) date restriction, thus allowing new tobacco bars to allow smoking indoors, but the bill increases the income threshold from 10% to 20% and (2) prohibition on a tobacco bar expanding in size or changing its location as of December 31, 2002.

By law, "tobacco product" means any substance that contains tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, or chewing tobacco.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 16  Nay 0  (03/21/2019)