

The technical and economic feasibility of reducing cigarette ignition propensity was established two decades ago and has been demonstrated empirically since New York's passage of fire safety standards for cigarettes. The tobacco industry has known for years how to make cigarettes that are less likely to cause fires resulting in tragic deaths such as those observed in Baltimore in May, 2007. The Proposed Regulation on Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes in Baltimore City would ensure that cigarettes sold in Baltimore are no more likely to ignite fires than cigarettes sold in New York and twenty-one other states that are implementing such standards.

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