AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ORDINANCES

Introduced By: Representatives Canario, Jackson, McLaughlin, Edwards, and Cortvriend
Date Introduced: February 06, 2020
Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 45-6 of the General Laws entitled "Ordinances" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

45-6-13. Municipal vaping restrictions.

Cities and towns are authorized to establish by ordinance and regulation, restrictions on the use of vaping products and nicotine vapor products. Restrictions may include, but are not limited to, prohibition of use in: public areas, sidewalks and enclosures, areas around schools, day care facilities, nursing homes and hospitals and other areas where persons may suffer from exposure to vapor. For purposes of this section, "vaping product" or "nicotine vapor product" means any noncombustible product containing nicotine or vaping substance that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine or other vaping substance in a solution or other form, and includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
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1 This act would authorize municipalities to adopt ordinances restricting vaping in public places and areas near schools, day care facilities and hospitals.
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3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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