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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, Ackerman, Handy, Lombardi, and Maldonado

Date Introduced: January 29, 2015

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-9-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-9 entitled "Children" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **~~11-9-13. Purchase, sale or delivery of tobacco products to persons under eighteen --~~**
4 **~~Posting notice of law. --~~ Purchase, sale or delivery of tobacco products to persons under**
5 **twenty-one (21) -- Posting notice of law. --**No person under ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty-one (21) years
6 of age shall purchase, nor shall any person sell, give, or deliver to any person under ~~eighteen (18)~~
7 twenty-one (21) years of age, any tobacco in the form of cigarettes, bidi cigarettes, cigars, little
8 cigars, flavored cigars known as "blunts," unflavored "blunts," flavored and unflavored blunt
9 wraps, cigarette rolling papers of any size or composition, cigarillos and tiparillos, pipe tobacco,
10 chewing tobacco, electronic nicotine-delivery systems, or snuff. Any person, firm, or corporation
11 that owns, manages, or operates a place of business in which tobacco products are sold, including
12 sales through cigarette vending machines, shall post notice of this law conspicuously in the place
13 of business in letters at least three-eighths of an inch (3/8") high.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would increase the minimum age to buy and sell tobacco products from eighteen
- 2 (18) years to twenty-one (21) years.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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