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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO THOSE
UNDER EIGHTEEN (18)

Introduced By: Representative Helio Melo

Date Introduced: January 08, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 11-9-13, 11-9-13.1, 11-9-13.4, 11-9-13.6, 11-9-13.7, 11-9-13.8,
2 11-9-13.10, 11-9-13.13 and 11-9-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-9 entitled "Children" are
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

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

14 **11-9-13.1. Cigarette and tobacco vending machines. --** (a) No cigarettes, nor any other
15 tobacco product, [nor electronic nicotine-delivery system product](#) shall be sold from any device or
16 vending machine ~~which~~ [that](#) is in an area not continuously supervised and in direct line of sight of
17 an authorized person employed by the person, firm, or corporation that owns the business
18 occupying the premises in which the device or vending machine is located, nor shall any tobacco

1 product, nor electronic nicotine-delivery system product be sold from any device or vending
2 machine ~~which~~ that is in an area supervised by such an authorized person unless the device or
3 vending machine is equipped with an electronic locking device ~~which~~ that will not allow the
4 device or vending machine to dispense a pack of cigarettes, or any other tobacco product, or
5 electronic nicotine-delivery system product unless it is electronically unlocked from a secured
6 position inaccessible to the public and under the supervision of an authorized person employed by
7 the person, firm, or corporation that owns the business occupying the premises in which the
8 device or vending machine is located. "Direct line of sight" means that the vending machine and
9 the purchaser of cigarettes or electronic nicotine-delivery systems must be visible to the
10 authorized person pressing the unlock button while the unlock button is being activated.
11 Provided, a locking device shall not be required in an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic
12 beverages ~~which~~ that limits access to persons over the age of twenty-one (21) years.

13 (b) No cigarettes, nor any other tobacco product, nor electronic nicotine-delivery system
14 product shall be sold from any device or vending machine from which non-tobacco products are
15 sold.

16 (c) No cigarettes shall be sold in packs ~~which~~ that contain less than twenty (20)
17 cigarettes.

18 (d) Any person, firm, or corporation who or that owns a business occupying the premises
19 in which a device or vending machine ~~which~~ that dispenses cigarettes, or any other tobacco
20 product or electronic nicotine-delivery system product is located who or that shall violate any of
21 the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall for the first offense be subject to a
22 fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), for the second offense, be subject to a fine of one hundred
23 fifty dollars (\$150), and for the third and any subsequent offense, be subject to a fine of five
24 hundred dollars (\$500); provided, that in the event that there are no offenses in three (3)
25 successive years from the date of the last offense, then the next offense shall be treated as the first
26 offense.

27 (e) Any person, firm, or corporation who or that shall violate subsection (c) of this
28 section shall, for the first offense, be subject to a fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), for the
29 second offense, be subject to a fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150), and for the third and any
30 subsequent offense, be subject to a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500); provided, that in the event
31 that there are no offenses in three (3) successive years from the date of the last offense, then the
32 next offense shall be treated as the first offense.

33 (f) One-half (1/2) of all the fines collected pursuant to this section shall be transferred to
34 the municipalities in which the citations originated. One-half (1/2) of all the fines collected

1 pursuant to this section shall be transferred to the general fund.

2 (g) Severability. - If any provision of this section or the application of it to any person or
3 circumstance is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this
4 section, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
5 provisions of this section are declared to be severable.

6 **11-9-13.4. Definitions.** -- As used in this chapter:

7 (1) "Bidi cigarette" means any product that (i) contains tobacco that is wrapped in
8 temburni or tender leaf, or that is wrapped in any other material identified by rules of the
9 Department of Health that is similar in appearance or characteristics to the temburni or tender
10 leaf, and (ii) does not contain a smoke filtering device.

11 (2) "Court" means any appropriate district court of the state of Rhode Island.

12 (3) "Dealer" is synonymous with the term "retail tobacco products dealer".

13 (4) "Department of ~~mental health, retardation and hospitals~~ behavioral healthcare,
14 developmental disabilities and hospitals" means the state of Rhode Island ~~mental health,~~
15 ~~retardation~~ behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals department, its
16 employees, agents or assigns.

17 (5) "Department of taxation" means the state of Rhode Island taxation division, its
18 employees, agents, or assigns.

19 (6) "License" is synonymous with the term "retail tobacco products dealer license" or
20 "electronic nicotine-delivery system license."

21 (7) "License holder" is synonymous with the term "retail tobacco products dealer" or
22 "electronic nicotine-delivery system license."

23 (8) "Person" means any individual person, firm, association, or corporation licensed as a
24 retail dealer to sell tobacco products within the state.

25 (9) "Retail tobacco products dealer" means the holder of a license to sell tobacco
26 products at retail.

27 (10) "Retail tobacco products dealer license" means a license to sell tobacco products at
28 retail as issued by the department of taxation.

29 (11) "Spitting tobacco" also means snuff, powdered tobacco, chewing tobacco, dipping
30 tobacco, pouch tobacco, or smokeless tobacco.

31 (12) "Tobacco product(s)" means any product containing tobacco, including bidi
32 cigarettes, as defined in subdivision (1) of this section, ~~which that~~ can be used for, but whose use
33 is not limited to, smoking, sniffing, chewing, or spitting of the product.

34 (13) "Underage individual" or "underage individuals" means any child under the age of

1 eighteen (18) years of age.

2 (14) "Little cigars" means and includes any roll, made wholly or in part of tobacco,
3 irrespective of size or shape, and irrespective of whether the tobacco is flavored, adulterated, or
4 mixed with any other ingredient, where such roll has a wrapper or cover made of tobacco
5 wrapped in leaf tobacco or any substance containing tobacco paper or any other material, except
6 where such wrapper is wholly or in greater part made of tobacco and such roll weighs over three
7 (3) pounds per thousand (1,000).

8 (15) "Electronic nicotine-delivery system" means an electronic device that may be used
9 to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or other substance to a person inhaling from the
10 device, and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic
11 cigarillo, electronic pipe, or electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or other
12 component of such device.

13 ~~11-9-13.6. Duties of the department of mental health, retardation and hospitals~~
14 Duties of the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals.

15 == The department of ~~mental health, retardation and hospitals~~ behavioral healthcare,
16 developmental disabilities and hospitals shall:

17 (1) Coordinate and promote the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and serve
18 as the primary liaison from this department to other state or local agencies, departments, or
19 divisions on issues pertaining to stopping children's access to tobacco and electronic nicotine-
20 delivery systems.

21 (2) Provide retail tobacco products dealers and electronic nicotine-delivery system
22 dealers signs concerning the prohibition of sales to children under eighteen (18) years of age. The
23 signs, conforming to the requirements of this chapter, shall be sold at cost. This sign, or an exact
24 duplicate of it made privately, shall be displayed in all locations where tobacco products and/or
25 electronic nicotine-delivery systems are sold.

26 (3) Investigate concurrently with other state and local officials violations of this chapter.

27 (4)(i) Utilize unannounced statewide compliance checks of tobacco product sales and/or
28 electronic nicotine-delivery system sales including retail tobacco and/or electronic nicotine-
29 delivery system over-the-counter sales, mail order sales initiated via mail, facsimile, telephone or
30 internet ordering or other types of electronic communications, and tobacco and/or electronic
31 nicotine-delivery systems vending machine sales as part of investigating compliance with the
32 provisions of this chapter. Underage individuals, acting as agents for the department of ~~mental~~
33 ~~health, retardation and hospitals~~ behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals
34 and with the written permission of a parent or guardian, may purchase, with impunity from

1 prosecution, tobacco products [and electronic nicotine-delivery system](#) for the purposes of law
2 enforcement or government research involving monitoring compliance with this chapter,
3 provided that the underage individuals are supervised by an adult law enforcement official. Any
4 individual participating in an unannounced compliance check of over-the-counter or vending
5 machine sales, must state his or her accurate age if asked by the sales representative of the retail
6 establishment being checked.

7 (ii) In fulfilling the requirement of unannounced statewide compliance checks, the
8 department of ~~mental health, retardation and hospitals~~ [behavioral healthcare, developmental](#)
9 [disabilities and hospitals](#) shall maintain complete records of the unannounced compliance checks,
10 detailing, at least, the date of the compliance check; the name and address of the retail
11 establishment checked or the mail order company; the results of the compliance check (sale/no
12 sale); whether the sale was made as an over-the-counter sale, a mail-order purchase or a tobacco
13 [and/or or electronic nicotine-delivery systems](#) vending machine sale; and if a citation was issued
14 for any violation found. The records shall be subject to public disclosure. Further, the department
15 of ~~mental health, retardation and hospitals~~ [behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and](#)
16 [hospitals](#) shall report to the owner of each retail establishment checked or mail-order company;
17 the results of any compliance check (sale/no sale) whether the sale was made as an over-the-
18 counter sale, a mail-order purchase, or a tobacco [and/or electronic nicotine-delivery systems](#)
19 vending machine sale, and if a citation was issued for any violation found.

20 (5) Seek enforcement, concurrently with other state and local officials, of the penalties as
21 detailed in this chapter.

22 (6) Develop and disseminate community health education information and materials
23 relating to this chapter.

24 **11-9-13.7. Signs concerning sales to individuals under age eighteen (18).** -- Signs
25 provided by the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals, or
26 an exact duplicate of it made privately, shall: (1) Contain in red bold lettering a minimum of
27 three-eighths (3/8") inch high on a white background the following wording in both English and
28 Spanish:

29 THE SALE OF CIGARETTES, ~~AND OTHER~~ TOBACCO [AND ELECTRONIC](#)
30 [NICOTINE-DELIVERY SYSTEM](#) PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS
31 AGAINST RHODE ISLAND LAW (~~Section~~ [§](#)11-9-13.8(1), Rhode Island Statutes) PHOTO ID
32 FOR PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE.

33 (2) Contain the phone number at the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental
34 disabilities and hospitals, where violations of ~~sections~~ [§§](#)11-9-13.2 -- 11-9-13.19 can be reported,

1 in addition to any other information required by the department of behavioral healthcare,
2 developmental disabilities and hospitals.

3 (3) Be displayed prominently for public view, wherever tobacco products are sold at each
4 cash register, each tobacco [and/or electronic-nicotine-delivery systems](#) vending machine, or any
5 other place from which tobacco products [and/or electronic nicotine-delivery systems](#) are sold.
6 The signs shall be electronically available in both English and Spanish online at the department of
7 behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals' website.

8 **11-9-13.8. Prohibitions applicable to license holders and their employees and agents.**

9 -- A person ~~that holds~~ [holding](#) a license issued under chapter 20 of title 44 [and/or § 23-1-56](#), or an
10 employee or agent of that person, is prohibited from selling, distributing, or delivering a tobacco
11 [and/or electronic nicotine-delivery system](#) product:

12 (1) To any individual ~~that~~ [who](#) is under eighteen (18) years of age; or

13 (2) In any form other than an original, factory-wrapped package; or

14 (3) As a single-cigarette sale (~~section~~ [§44-20-31](#)), or as a sale of cigarettes by the
15 individual piece, known as "loosies."

16 **11-9-13.10. Prohibition on the distribution of free tobacco products.** -- The

17 distribution of free tobacco products [and electronic nicotine-delivery systems](#) or coupons or
18 vouchers redeemable for free tobacco [or electronic nicotine-delivery system](#) products to any
19 person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be prohibited. Further, the distribution of free
20 tobacco products or [electronic nicotine-delivery systems or](#) coupons or vouchers redeemable for
21 free tobacco [or electronic nicotine-delivery system](#) products shall be prohibited, regardless of the
22 age of the person to whom the products, coupons, or vouchers are distributed, within five hundred
23 (500) feet of any school. The attorney general shall bring an action for any violation of this
24 section. Every separate, free tobacco product or [electronic nicotine-delivery system or](#) coupon or
25 voucher redeemable for a free tobacco [or electronic nicotine-delivery system](#) product in violation
26 of this section shall constitute a separate offense subject to a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500).
27 The penalty shall be assessed against the business or individual responsible for initiating the
28 Rhode Island distribution of the free tobacco products [or electronic nicotine-delivery systems](#) or
29 coupons or vouchers redeemable for free tobacco products [or electronic nicotine-delivery](#)
30 [systems](#).

31 **11-9-13.13. Nature and size of penalties.** -- (a) Any person or individual ~~that~~ [who](#)

32 violates a requirement of ~~section~~ [§11-9-13.6\(2\)](#), display of specific signage, shall be subject to a
33 fine in court of not less than thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), nor more than five hundred dollars
34 (\$500), per civil violation.

1 (b) The license holder is responsible for all violations of this section that occur at the
2 location for which the license is issued. Any license holder that violates the prohibition of ~~section~~
3 [§11-9-13.8\(1\)](#) and/or (2) shall be subject to civil fines as follows:

4 (1) A fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the first violation within any thirty-six-
5 ~~(36)~~ month [\(36\)](#) period;

6 (2) A fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the second violation within any thirty-six-
7 ~~(36)~~ month [\(36\)](#) period;

8 (3) A fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and a fourteen-~~(14)~~ day [\(14\)](#) suspension of
9 the license to sell tobacco products [or electronic nicotine delivery systems](#) for the third violation
10 within any thirty-six-~~(36)~~ month [\(36\)](#) period;

11 (4) A fine of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) and a ninety-~~(90)~~ day [\(90\)](#)
12 suspension of the license to sell tobacco products [or electronic nicotine-delivery systems](#) for each
13 violation in excess of three (3).

14 (c) Any person that violates a prohibition of ~~section~~ [§11-9-13.8\(3\)](#), sale of single
15 cigarettes; ~~section~~ [§11-9-13.8\(2\)](#), regarding factory-wrapped packs; shall be subject to a penalty
16 of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation.

17 (d) The department of taxation [and/or the department of health](#) shall not issue a license to
18 any individual, business, firm, association, or corporation the license of which has been revoked
19 or suspended, to any corporation an officer of which has had his or her license revoked or
20 suspended, or to any individual who is, or has been, an officer of a corporation the license of
21 which has been revoked or suspended so long as such revocations or suspensions are in effect.

22 (e) The court shall suspend the imposition of a license suspension of the license secured
23 from the Rhode Island tax administrator for violation of subdivisions (b)(3) and (b)(4) of this
24 section if the court finds that the license holder has taken measures to prevent the sale of tobacco
25 [and/or electronic nicotine-delivery systems](#) to minors and the license holder can demonstrate to
26 the court that those measures have been taken and that employees have received training. No
27 person shall sell tobacco products [and/or electronic nicotine-delivery-system products](#) at retail;
28 without first being trained in the legal sale of tobacco [and/or electronic nicotine-delivery system](#)
29 products. Training shall teach employees what constitutes a tobacco [and/or electronic nicotine-](#)
30 [delivery system](#) product; legal age of purchase; acceptable identification; how to refuse a direct
31 sale to a minor or secondary sale to an adult; and all applicable laws on tobacco sales and
32 distribution. Dealers shall maintain records indicating that the provisions of this section were
33 reviewed with all employees who conduct, or will conduct, tobacco [and/or electronic nicotine-](#)
34 [delivery systems](#) sales. Each employee who sells or will sell tobacco [and/or electronic nicotine-](#)

1 delivery system products shall sign an acknowledgement form attesting that the provisions of this
2 section were reviewed with him/~~her~~ or her. Each form shall be maintained by the retailer for as
3 long as the employee is so employed and for no less than one year after termination of
4 employment. The measures to prevent the sale of tobacco and/or electronic nicotine-delivery
5 systems to minors shall be defined by the department of ~~mental health, retardation and hospitals~~
6 behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals in rules and regulations.

7 **11-9-14. Use of tobacco by minors.** -- No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall
8 ~~smoke or chew~~ use or possess, when such possession is clearly visible, tobacco in any public
9 street, place, or resort, any tobacco and/or electronic nicotine-delivery system in any form
10 whatsoever. Any person under eighteen (18) years of age violating the provisions of this section
11 shall be required to perform up to thirty (30) hours of community service or shall be required to
12 enter into a tobacco treatment program, approved by any local substance abuse prevention task
13 force, at the option of a minor charged with a violation of this section.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 23-1 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Health" is
15 hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

16 **23-1-55. Electronic nicotine delivery system distributor, and dealer licenses required**

17 **-- Definitions. – Definitions. – Whenever used in §§ 23-1-56 to 23-1-58, unless the context**
18 **requires otherwise:**

19 (1) "Dealer" means any person, whether located within or outside of this state, who sells
20 or distributes electronic nicotine-delivery system products to a consumer in this state;

21 (2) "Distributor" means any person:

22 (i) Whether located within or outside of this state, other than a dealer, who sells or
23 distributes electronic nicotine-delivery system products within or into this state. Such term shall
24 not include any electronic nicotine-delivery system products manufacturer, export warehouse
25 proprietor, or importer with a valid permit, if such person sells or distributes electronic nicotine-
26 delivery system products in this state only to licensed distributors or to an export warehouse
27 proprietor or another manufacturer with a valid permit;

28 (ii) Selling electronic nicotine-delivery system products directly to consumers in this state
29 by means of at least twenty-five (25) electronic nicotine-delivery system product vending
30 machines;

31 (iii) Engaged in this state in the business of manufacturing electronic nicotine-delivery
32 system products or any person engaged in the business of selling electronic nicotine-delivery
33 system products to dealers, or to other persons, for the purpose of resale only; provided that
34 seventy-five percent (75%) of all electronic nicotine-delivery system products sold by that

1 person in this state are sold to dealers or other persons for resale and selling electronic nicotine-
2 delivery system products directly to at least forty (40) dealers or other persons for resale; or

3 (iv) Maintaining one or more regular places of business in this state for that purpose;
4 provided, that seventy-five percent (75%) of the sold electronic nicotine-delivery system products
5 are purchased directly from the manufacturer and selling electronic nicotine-delivery system
6 products directly to at least forty (40) dealers or other persons for resale;

7 (3) "Electronic nicotine-delivery system" means the products as defined in § 11-9-
8 13.4(15).

9 **23-1-56. License. --** (a) Each person engaging in the business of selling electronic
10 nicotine-delivery system products in the state, including any distributor or dealer, shall secure a
11 license annually from the department before engaging in that business or continuing to engage in
12 it. A separate application and license is required for each place of business operated by a
13 distributor or dealer. If the applicant for a license does not have a place of business in this state,
14 the license shall be issued for such applicant's principal place of business, wherever located. A
15 licensee shall notify the department within thirty (30) days in the event that it changes its
16 principal place of business. A separate license is required for each class of business if the
17 applicant is engaged in more than one of the activities required to be licensed by this section. No
18 person shall maintain or operate, or cause to be operated, a vending machine for electronic
19 nicotine-delivery systems without procuring a dealer's license for each machine.

20 (b) The director shall have authority to set a reasonable fee not to exceed twenty-five
21 dollars (\$25.00) for the issuance of the license.

22 (c) Each issued license shall be prominently displayed on the premises, if any, covered by
23 the license.

24 (d) The director shall create and maintain a website setting forth the identity of all
25 licensed persons under this section, itemized by type of license possessed, and shall update the
26 site no less frequently than six (6) times per year.

27 (e) A manufacturer or importer may sell or distribute electronic nicotine-delivery systems
28 to a person located or doing business within the state only if such person is a licensed distributor.
29 An importer may obtain electronic nicotine-delivery systems only from a licensed manufacturer.
30 A distributor may sell or distribute electronic nicotine-delivery systems to a person located or
31 doing business within this state only if such person is a licensed distributor or dealer. A
32 distributor may obtain electronic nicotine-delivery systems only from a licensed manufacturer,
33 importer, or distributor. A dealer may obtain electronic nicotine-delivery systems only from a
34 licensed distributor.

1 (f)(1) No license under this chapter may be granted, maintained, or renewed if the
2 applicant, or any combination of persons owning directly or indirectly any interests in the
3 applicant:

4 (i) Is delinquent in any tax filings for one month or more; or

5 (ii) Had a license under this chapter revoked within the past two (2) years.

6 (2) No person shall apply for a new license, or renewal of a license and no license shall
7 be issued or renewed for any person, unless all outstanding fines, fees, or other charges relating to
8 any license held by that person have been paid.

9 (3) No license shall be issued relating to a business at any specific location until all prior
10 licenses relating to that location have been officially terminated and all fines, fees, or charges
11 relating to the prior licenses have been paid or otherwise resolved or if the director has found that
12 the person applying for the new license is not acting as an agent for the prior licensee who is
13 subject to any such related fines, fees, or charges that are still due. Evidence of such agency status
14 includes, but is not limited to, a direct familial relationship and/or employment, contractual, or
15 other formal financial or business relationship with the prior licensee.

16 (4) No person shall apply for a new license pertaining to a specific location in order to
17 evade payment of any fines, fees, or other charges relating to a prior license for that location.

18 (5) No new license shall be issued for a business at a specific location for which a license
19 has already issued unless there is a bona fide, good faith change in ownership of the business at
20 that location.

21 (6) No license or permit shall be issued, renewed or maintained for any person, including
22 the owners of the business being licensed, who has been convicted of violating any criminal law
23 relating to tobacco products and/or electronic nicotine-delivery system products, the payment of
24 taxes, or fraud, or has been ordered to pay civil fines of more than twenty-five thousand dollars
25 (\$25,000) for violations of any civil law relating to tobacco products and/or electronic nicotine-
26 delivery system products, the payment of taxes, or fraud.

27 **23-1-57. Penalties for unlicensed business. --** Any distributor or dealer who sells, offers
28 for sale, or possesses with intent to sell, electronic nicotine-delivery system products without a
29 license as provided in § 23-1-56, shall be fined in accordance with the provisions of, and the
30 penalties contained in, § 23-1-58.

31 **23-1-58. Penalty for operating without a dealer license. --** (a) Any individual or
32 business who violates this chapter by selling or conveying an electronic nicotine-delivery system
33 product without a retail license shall be cited for that violation and shall be required to appear in
34 district court for a hearing on the citation.

- 1 (b) Any individual or business cited for a violation hereunder shall:
- 2 (1) Either post a five hundred dollar (\$500) bond with the district court within ten (10)
- 3 days of the citation; or
- 4 (2) Sign and accept the citation indicating a promise to appear in court.
- 5 (c) An individual or business who or that has accepted the citation may:
- 6 (1) Pay the five hundred dollar (\$500) fine, either by mail or in person, within ten (10)
- 7 days after receiving the citation; or
- 8 (2) If that individual or business has posted a bond, forfeit the bond by not appearing at
- 9 the scheduled hearing. If the individual or business cited pays the five hundred dollar (\$500) fine
- 10 or forfeits the bond, that individual or business is deemed to have admitted the cited violation and
- 11 to have waived the right to a hearing on the issue of commission on the violation.
- 12 (d) The court, after a hearing on a citation, shall make a determination as to whether a
- 13 violation has been committed. If it is established that the violation did occur, the court shall
- 14 impose a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine in addition to any court costs or fees.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage. The amendments to §§ 11-9-13, 11-

16 9-13.1, 11-9-13.4, 11-9-13.7, 11-9-13.10 and 11-9-14 shall take effect on July 1, 2014 and the

17 amendments to §§ 11-9-13.6, 11-9-13.8, 11-9-13.13, 23-1-55, 23-1-56, 23-1-57 and 23-1-58 shall

18 take effect on January 1, 2015.

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO THOSE
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- 1 This act would amend the definition of tobacco products to include vapor products and
- 2 alternative nicotine products for the purpose of prohibiting access by minors.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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