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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 25

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 16, AND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DELIVERY AND SALES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

1 WHEREAS, tobacco remains this nation's number 1 preventable cause of premature death and disease, killing
2 more than 480,000 Americans, including 1,400 Delawareans annually; and

3 WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine ("IOM"), one of the most prestigious scientific authorities in the United
4 States, concluded in a March 2015 report, "Public Health Implications of Raising the Minimum Age of Legal Access to
5 Tobacco Products" ("IOM report"), that raising the tobacco sale age to 21 will have a substantial positive impact on public
6 health and save lives through reductions in youth tobacco use initiation; and

7 WHEREAS, the IOM report is based on a thorough literature review and expert panel consensus; and

8 WHEREAS, the IOM report finds that raising the tobacco sale age will do all of the following: significantly reduce
9 the number of adolescents and young adults who start smoking; reduce smoking-caused death; and immediately improve
10 the health of adolescents, young adults, and young mothers who would be deterred from smoking; and

11 WHEREAS, the IOM report further predicts that raising the minimum age for the sale of tobacco products to 21
12 will, over time, do all of the following: reduce the smoking rate by about 12%; reduce smoking-related deaths by 10%,
13 resulting in 223,000 fewer premature deaths, 50,000 fewer deaths from lung cancer, and 4.2 million fewer years of life lost
14 nationwide; and reduce smoking-related health outcomes like low birth weight, pre-term births, and SIDS deaths; and

15 WHEREAS, 95% of adults who smoke started before age 21; and

16 WHEREAS, each day, more than 2,500 Americans try their first cigarette and another 580 become new regular,
17 daily smokers; and

18 WHEREAS, tobacco use is known to cause cancer, heart disease, and respiratory diseases, among other serious
19 health problems; and

20 WHEREAS, exposure to nicotine can have lasting effects on adolescent brain development; and

21 WHEREAS, the use of electronic smoking devices, which contain unregulated amounts of nicotine, among minors
22 has recently tripled; and

23 WHEREAS, the use of cigars by youth recently surpassed the use of cigarettes; and

24 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that tobacco use costs approximately \$170
25 billion, including \$532 million for health care costs in Delaware each year, with \$95.6 million in costs to Delaware's
26 Medicaid program.

27 NOW, THEREFORE:

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

29 Section 1. Amend § 1115, Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
30 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

31 § 1115. Definitions.

32 (4) "Proof of age" means a driver's license or other government-issued identification with a photograph of the
33 individual affixed thereon that indicates that the individual is ~~18~~ 21 years old or older.

34 (9)a. "Tobacco product" means any product that ~~contains tobacco, including, but not limited to, is made from~~
35 or derived from tobacco or that contains nicotine, including: cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, ~~snuff~~ hookah tobacco,
36 chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, or smokeless tobacco and is intended for human consumption ~~or use by any means~~
37 including smoking, heating, chewing, absorbing, dissolving, inhaling, or ingesting.

38 b. "Tobacco product" also means a component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco
39 product, including filters, rolling papers, and pipes.

40 c. "Tobacco product" does not mean a drug, device, or combination product authorized for sale by the
41 United States Food and Drug Administration under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 USCS §§ 301 et
42 seq.).

43 (11)a. "Tobacco substitute" means ~~any~~ an electronic smoking device employing a mechanical heating
44 element, battery, or circuit, ~~regardless of shape or size, that can be used to deliver nicotine into the body through~~
45 ~~inhalation and that has not been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for tobacco cessation or~~
46 ~~other medical purposes, or any noncombustible product containing nicotine intended for use in such a device that has~~
47 ~~not been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for tobacco cessation or other medical purposes.~~
48 circuit to produce aerosol or vapor for inhalation into the body of an individual.

49 b. “Tobacco substitute” also means liquid used in a device under paragraph (11)a. of this section,
50 including liquids that contain nicotine and liquids that do not contain nicotine.

51 c. “Tobacco substitute” does not mean a drug, device, or combination product authorized for sale by the
52 United States Food and Drug Administration under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 USCS §§ 301 et
53 seq.).

54 Section 2. Amend § 1116, Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
55 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

56 § 1116. Sale or distribution of tobacco products or tobacco substitutes to ~~minors.~~ individuals under the age of 21
57 years.

58 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or distribute any tobacco product or tobacco substitute to ~~another~~
59 ~~person.~~ an individual who has not attained the age of ~~18~~ 21 years or to purchase any tobacco product or tobacco substitute
60 on behalf of ~~another such person, except that this section shall not apply to the parent or guardian of another such person.~~
61 an individual under 21 years of age.

62 (c) A person engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco products or tobacco substitutes shall demand proof of
63 age from a prospective purchaser or recipient of such products who is under ~~27~~ 30 years of age.

64 Section 3. Amend § 1117, Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
65 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

66 § 1117. Notice.

67 A person engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco products or tobacco substitutes shall post conspicuously at
68 each point of purchase and each tobacco vending machine a notice stating that selling tobacco products or tobacco
69 substitutes to anyone under ~~18~~ 21 years of age is illegal, that the purchase of tobacco products or tobacco substitutes by
70 anyone under ~~18~~ 21 years of age is illegal and that a violator is subject to fines. The notice shall also state that all persons
71 selling tobacco products or tobacco substitutes are required, under law, to check the proof of age of any purchaser of
72 tobacco products or tobacco substitutes under the age of ~~27~~ 30 years. The notice shall include a toll-free telephone number
73 to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security for persons to report unlawful sales of tobacco products or tobacco
74 substitutes. The owners of an establishment who fail to post a notice in compliance with this section shall be subject to a
75 fine of \$100.

76 Section 4. Amend § 1118, Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
77 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

78 § 1118. Distribution of ~~samples to minors.~~ samples or coupons.

79 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute tobacco product or tobacco substitute samples or coupons for
80 subsequent receipt of free or discounted tobacco products or tobacco substitutes to ~~another person~~ an individual who has
81 not attained the age of ~~18~~ 21 years.

82 Section 5. Amend § 1119, Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
83 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

84 § 1119. Distribution of ~~cigarettes~~ tobacco products or tobacco substitutes through vending machines.

85 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or permit the distribution of tobacco products or tobacco
86 substitutes through the operation of a vending machine in a public place, except as provided in subsection (b) of this
87 section.

88 (b) Pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, a person may distribute or permit the distribution of tobacco products
89 or tobacco substitutes through the operation of a vending machine in a taproom, tavern, tobacco shop or in premises in
90 which a ~~person~~ an individual who has not attained the age of ~~18~~ 21 years is prohibited by law from entering. A tobacco
91 vending machine must be operated a minimum of 25 feet from any entrance to the premises and must be directly visible to
92 the owner or supervisor of the premises.

93 (c) It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, operates or manages a business establishment where tobacco
94 products or tobacco substitutes are offered for sale over the counter at retail to maintain such products in any display
95 accessible to customers that is not under the control of a cashier or other employee. This prohibition shall not apply to
96 business establishments to which ~~persons~~ individuals under the age of ~~18~~ 21 are not admitted unless accompanied by an
97 adult, tobacco vending machines as permitted under subsection (b) of this section, or tobacco stores. As used in this
98 subsection, "under the control" means customers cannot readily access the tobacco products or tobacco substitutes without
99 the assistance of a cashier or other employee. A display that holds tobacco products or tobacco substitutes behind locked
100 doors shall be ~~constructed~~ construed as under the control of a cashier or other employee.

101 Section 6. Amend § 1121, Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
102 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

103 § 1121. Penalties.

104 ~~(a)~~ (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of Delaware law, a person who violates § 1116, § 1118, ~~§ 1119~~ § 1119,
105 or § 1120 of this title ~~shall be~~ regarding an individual who is under 18 years old is guilty of a violation and ~~shall be~~ is fined
106 \$250 for the first ~~offense~~ offense, \$500 for the second ~~offense~~ offense, and \$1,000 for the third and all subsequent offenses.

107 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of Delaware law, a person who violates § 1116, § 1118, § 1119, or §
108 1120 of this title regarding an individual who is at least age 18 years old but less than 21 years old is subject to a civil
109 penalty as follows:

110 a. For a first occurrence, fined \$250.

111 b. For a second occurrence, fined \$500.

112 c. For a third or subsequent occurrence, fined \$1,000.

113 (3)a. Notwithstanding any other provision of Delaware law, a person who violates § 1116, § 1118, § 1119, or
114 § 1120 of this title is subject to a civil penalty for selling or distributing any of the following:

115 1. A tobacco substitute that does not contain nicotine.

116 2. A tobacco product under paragraph § 1115(9)b. of this title.

117 b. The civil penalty under paragraph (3)a. of this section is as follows:

118 1. For a first occurrence, fined \$250.

119 2. For a second occurrence, fined \$500.

120 3. For a third or subsequent occurrence, fined \$1,000.

121 (b) Additionally, and notwithstanding any other provision of Delaware law, in imposing a penalty for a second,
122 ~~third~~ third, or other subsequent offense under this subpart, the court may order the Department of Finance to suspend the
123 defendant's license for sale of tobacco products, issued pursuant to under § 5307 of Title 30, for a period not to exceed 6
124 months. Upon the suspension of such license, the court shall advise the Department of Finance of the suspension in writing.
125 The holder of the license shall surrender the license to the Department of Finance and no refund of fees shall will be paid.
126 For purposes of this subpart, a subsequent offense is one that occurs within 12 months of a prior like offense.

127 Section 7. Amend § 1122, Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
128 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

129 § 1122. Affirmative defense.

130 In any prosecution for an offense under this subpart, it shall be an affirmative defense that the purchaser or
131 recipient of tobacco products or tobacco substitutes who had not reached the age of ~~18~~ 21 years presented to the accused
132 proof of age which set forth information that would lead a reasonable person to believe that such individual was ~~18~~ 21 years
133 of age or older.

134 Section 8. Amend § 1123, Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
135 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

136 § 1123. Liability of employer.

137 (a) If a sale or distribution of any tobacco product or tobacco substitute or coupon is made in violation of § 1116, §
138 1118, ~~§ 1119 or § 1119, or~~ § 1120 of this title, the owner, proprietor, franchisee, store manager or other person in charge of
139 the establishment where the violation occurred shall be guilty of the violation and shall be subject to the fine only if the
140 retail licensee has received written notice of the provisions of §§ 1116 through 1121 of this title by the Department of
141 Safety and Homeland Security. For purposes of determining the liability of a person who owns or controls franchises or
142 business operations in multiple locations, for a second or subsequent violation of this subpart, each individual franchise or
143 business location shall be deemed a separate establishment.

144 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart, in any prosecution for a violation of §§ 1116, ~~1118 and~~
145 ~~1118, or~~ 1120 of this title, the owner, proprietor, franchisee, store manager or other person in charge of the establishment
146 where the alleged violation occurred shall have an affirmative defense if such person or entity can establish that prior to the
147 date of the violation the person or entity:

148 (1) ~~Had adopted~~ Adopted and enforced a written policy against selling tobacco products or tobacco
149 substitutes to persons under ~~18~~ 21 years of age;

150 (2) ~~Had informed~~ Informed its employees of the applicable laws regarding the sale of tobacco products or
151 tobacco substitutes to persons under ~~18~~ 21 years of age;

152 (3) Required employees to sign a form indicating that they have been informed of and understand the written
153 policy required herein;

154 (4) Required employees to verify the age of tobacco product or tobacco substitute customers by means of
155 photographic identification; and

156 (5) ~~Had established~~ Established and enforced disciplinary sanctions for noncompliance.

157 (c) The affirmative defense established in subsection (b) of this section may be used by an owner, proprietor,
158 franchisee, store ~~manager~~ manager, or other person in charge of the establishment no more than ~~twice~~ 1 time at each
159 location within any ~~12-month~~ 36 month period.

160 Section 9. Amend § 1124, Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
161 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

162 § 1124. ~~Purchase or receipt of tobacco products or tobacco substitutes by minors.~~ [Reserved.]

163 (a) ~~It shall be unlawful for any person who has not attained the age of 18 years to purchase a tobacco product or~~
164 ~~tobacco substitute, to accept receipt of a sample, to exchange a coupon for a tobacco product or tobacco substitute, or to~~
165 ~~present or offer to another person a purported proof of age which is false, fraudulent or not actually that person's own proof~~

166 of age, for the purpose of purchasing or receiving any tobacco product or tobacco substitute or redeeming a coupon for a
167 tobacco product or tobacco substitute.

168 (b) ~~A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be adjudged delinquent and shall for a first~~
169 ~~adjudication be fined \$50 or ordered to perform 25 hours of community service work, and for a second adjudication and for~~
170 ~~all subsequent adjudications be fined \$50 and ordered to perform 50 hours of community service work. A subsequent~~
171 ~~adjudication of delinquency is one that occurs within 12 months of a prior like offense.~~

172 Section 10. Amend § 1125, Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
173 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

174 § 1125. Unannounced inspections; reporting; enforcement.

175 (b) ~~Persons~~ An individual under the age of ~~18~~ 21 may be enlisted by the Department of Safety and Homeland
176 Security or its delegates to test compliance with and enforcement of ~~§§ 1116-1120 and 1124~~ §§ 1116 through 1120 and §
177 1124 of this title, provided however, that ~~such persons~~ the individual may be used only under the direct supervision of the
178 Department of ~~Public Safety,~~ Safety and Homeland Security, its employees or delegates and only where written parental
179 consent has been ~~provided.~~ provided for an individual under the age of 18.

180 (c) Participation in the inspection and enforcement activities of this section by ~~a person~~ an individual under ~~18~~ 21
181 years of age shall not constitute a violation of this subpart for the ~~person~~ individual under ~~18~~ 21 years of age, and the
182 ~~person~~ individual under ~~18~~ 21 years of age is immune from prosecution thereunder, or under any other provision of law
183 prohibiting the purchase of these products by ~~a person~~ an individual under ~~18~~ 21 years of age.

184 (d) The Department of Safety and Homeland Security shall adopt and publish guidelines for the use of ~~persons~~
185 individuals under ~~18~~ 21 years of age in inspections conducted ~~pursuant to~~ under this section.

186 Section 11. Amend § 2908, Title 16 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
187 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

188 § 2908. Vapor establishments.

189 (b) Any vapor establishment permitted to have emissions produced by electronic smoking devices in such vapor
190 establishment pursuant to this section, and which permits such emissions, shall prohibit anyone under the age of ~~18~~ 21 from
191 entering and shall display a sign at all entrances stating that no one under the age of ~~18~~ 21 is allowed in such vapor
192 establishment.

193 (c)(1) An employee who is under the age of 21 and who is employed by a vapor establishment on [the effective
194 date of this Act] may continue as an employee of that vapor establishment, if the vapor establishment provides the Division
195 of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement with all of the following information:

- 196 a. The employee's name.
197 b. The employee's date of birth.
198 c. The employer's name.
199 d. Proof that the employee was employed by the vapor establishment on [the effective date of this Act] by

200 providing any of the following:

- 201 1. A paystub.
202 2. An Internal Revenue Service W-2 tax form.
203 3. A State UC-8A Quarterly Report.
204 4. Other documentation of monetary pay to an employee by an employer in return for work
205 performed.

206 (2) The information required under paragraph (c)(1) of this section must be received by the Division of
207 Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement no later than 30 days from [the effective date of this Act].

208 (3) The Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement shall retain the information provided under this
209 subsection for 3 years.

210 Section 12. Amend § 5361, Title 30 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
211 insertions as shown by underline as follows and by redesignating Delaware Code provisions and internal references
212 accordingly:

213 § 5361. Definitions.

214 For purposes of this subchapter:

215 (1) "Adult" means a person who is at least the legal minimum purchase age.

216 (3) "Delivery sale" means any sale of any tobacco product or tobacco substitute to a consumer in this State
217 where either:

218 b. The tobacco products or tobacco substitutes are delivered by use of the mails or of a delivery service.

219 A sale of any tobacco product or tobacco substitute shall be a delivery sale regardless of whether the seller is
220 located within or without this State. A sale of any tobacco product or tobacco substitute not for personal
221 consumption to a person who is a distributor or a retail dealer shall not be a delivery sale.

222 (6) "Legal minimum purchase age" is the minimum age at which an individual may legally purchase any
223 tobacco product or tobacco substitute in this ~~State~~. State under § 1124 of Title 11.

224 (11) "~~Tobacco products~~" means ~~1 or more cigarettes, herbal cigarettes, bidis, chewing tobacco, powdered~~
225 ~~tobacco, snuff or any other, noncigar or nonpipe tobacco product.~~ "Tobacco product" means as defined under
226 paragraph § 1115(9)a. of Title 11.

227 () "Tobacco substitute" means as defined under § 1115 of Title 11."

228 Section 13. Amend § 5362, Title 30 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
229 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

230 § 5362. Requirements for delivery sales.

231 (a) No person shall make a delivery sale of any tobacco product or tobacco substitute to any individual who is
232 under the legal minimum purchase age in this State.

233 (b) Each person accepting a purchase order for a delivery sale shall comply with:

234 (6) All other laws of this State generally applicable to sales of any tobacco product or tobacco substitute that
235 occur entirely within this State, including, but not limited to, those laws imposing:

236 Section 14. Amend § 5363, Title 30 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
237 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

238 § 5363. Age verification requirements.

239 (a) No person shall mail, ship or otherwise deliver any tobacco product or tobacco substitute in connection with a
240 delivery sale unless prior to the ~~1st~~ first delivery sale to such consumer:

241 (1) Receives both a copy of a valid form of government identification showing date of birth to verify the
242 purchaser is age ~~18~~ 21 years or over and an attestation from the purchaser certifying that the information on the
243 government identification truly and correctly identifies the purchaser and the purchaser's current address. Such
244 attestation shall also confirm:

245 a. That the prospective consumer understands that signing another person's name to such certification is
246 illegal;

247 b. That the sale of tobacco products, including cigarettes, or tobacco substitutes to individuals under the
248 legal minimum purchase age is illegal; and

249 c. That the purchase of tobacco products, including cigarettes, or tobacco substitutes by individuals under
250 the legal minimum purchase age is illegal under the laws of this State;

251 (2) Delivers the tobacco product or tobacco substitute to the address of the purchaser given on the valid form
252 of government identification and by a postal or package delivery service method that either limits delivery to that

253 purchaser and requires the purchaser to sign personally to receive the delivery or requires a signature of an adult at the
254 purchaser's address to deliver the package;

255 (4) In the case of an order for any tobacco product or tobacco substitute pursuant to an advertisement on the
256 Internet, receives payment for the delivery sale from the prospective consumer by a credit or debit card that has been issued
257 in such consumer's name.

258 (c) Any wholesale or retail seller of cigars or pipe tobacco shall affirm that the purchaser of said product is ~~18-~~ 21
259 years of age or older before the time of sale.

260 Section 15. Amend § 5364, Title 30 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
261 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

262 § 5364. Disclosure requirements.

263 The notice required under § 5363(a)(3) of this title shall include:

264 (1) A prominent and clearly legible statement that any tobacco product or tobacco substitute sales to
265 consumers below the legal minimum purchase age are illegal;

266 Section 16. Amend § 5365, Title 30 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
267 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

268 § 5365. Shipping requirements.

269 (a) Each person who mails, ships or otherwise delivers ~~any a tobacco product~~ product, as defined under § 5301 of
270 this title, in connection with a delivery sale shall become affixing agents as defined ~~by under~~ § 5301 of this title and shall be
271 eligible to receive commissions ~~pursuant to under~~ § 5318 of this title and further shall: title. Each person who mails, ships
272 or otherwise delivers a tobacco product or tobacco substitute, as defined under § 5361 of this title, must do all of the
273 following:

274 (1) Include as part of the bill of lading or other shipping documents a clear and conspicuous statement
275 providing as follows: "Any Tobacco ~~Product:~~ Product or Tobacco Substitute: Delaware Law Prohibits Shipping to
276 Individuals Under ~~18,~~ 21, and Requires the Payment of all Applicable Taxes";

277 (2) Use a method of mailing, shipping or delivery that obligates the delivery service to require:

278 a. The consumer placing the purchase order for the delivery sale or another adult of legal minimum
279 purchase age residing at the consumer's address, to sign to accept delivery of the shipping container; and

280 b. Proof, in the form of a valid, government-issued identification bearing a photograph of the individual
281 who signs to accept delivery of the shipping container, demonstrating that the individual is either the addressee or
282 another adult of legal minimum purchase age residing at the consumer's address.

283 However, proof of the legal minimum purchase age shall be required only if such individual appears to be
284 under ~~27~~ 30 years of age; and

285 (3) Provide to the delivery service retained for such delivery sale evidence of full compliance with § 5367 of
286 this title.

287 (b) If the person accepting a purchase order for a delivery sale delivers the any tobacco product or tobacco
288 substitute without using a delivery service, such person shall comply with all requirements of this subchapter applicable to
289 a delivery service and shall be in violation of the provisions of this subchapter if he or she fails to comply with any such
290 requirement.

291 Section 17. Amend § 5366, Title 30 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
292 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

293 § 5366. Registration and reporting requirements.

294 (a) Prior to making delivery sales or mailing, shipping or otherwise delivering any tobacco ~~product~~ product, as
295 defined under § 5301 of this title, in connection with any such sales, every person shall file with the Department a statement
296 setting forth such person's name, trade name and the address of such person's principal place of business and any other
297 place of business.

298 (b) Not later than the tenth day of each calendar month, each person that has made a delivery sale or mailed,
299 shipped or otherwise delivered any tobacco ~~product~~ product, as defined under § 5301 of this title, in connection with any
300 such sale during the previous calendar month shall file with the Department a memorandum or a copy of the invoice that
301 provides for each and every such delivery sale:

302 (2) The brand or brands of the any tobacco ~~product~~ product, as defined under § 5301 of this title, that were
303 sold in such delivery sale; and

304 Section 18. Amend § 5368, Title 30 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
305 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

306 § 5368. Penalties.

307 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a first violation of any provision of this subchapter shall be
308 punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or 5 times the retail value of the any tobacco product or tobacco substitute involved,
309 whichever is greater. A second or subsequent violation of any provision of this subchapter shall be punishable by a fine of
310 \$5,000 or 5 times the retail value of the ~~cigarettes~~ tobacco products or tobacco substitutes involved, whichever is greater.

311 Section 19. This Act takes effect 90 days after its enactment into law.

SYNOPSIS

This Act restricts access to tobacco products and tobacco substitutes to individuals under age 21 by doing all of the following:

1. Prohibits sales of tobacco products or tobacco substitutes to individuals who are under 21.
2. Imposes a civil penalty for sales to individuals between the ages of 18 and 21.
3. Repeals the ability of a parent or guardian to purchase tobacco products or tobacco substitutes for a minor.
4. Revises the framework by which an employer may use an affirmative defense to the improper sale of tobacco products or tobacco substitutes, aligning the affirmative defense with the minimum age increase.
5. Adopts best practices for enforcement measures by modifying the prohibition against the purchase of tobacco products by minors.
6. Prohibits individuals under age 21 from entering vapor establishments.

This Substitute Bill differs from Senate Bill No. 25 as follows:

1. Revises the definitions of "tobacco product" and tobacco substitute" for clarity and makes corresponding changes to related statutes.
2. Allows employees under age 21 who are employed by a vapor establishment on the effective date of this Act to continue working at the vapor establishment if the vapor establishment provides the required documentation to the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement.
3. Makes this Act effective 90 days after enactment.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

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