

# e-Cigarette Regulation

The Act prohibits the sale of electronic smoking devices and alternative nicotine products to minors, and requires child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine containers. The Act also requires that all tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices and alternative nicotine products, are sold with the assistance of a clerk, meaning that these products can no longer be sold in self-service displays.

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## Suggested State Legislation

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- 1 Section 1. [*Sale of tobacco, electronic smoking devices, or alternative nicotine products to*  
2 *minors and use by minors prohibited.*]  
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4 a. It is an infraction for any person to sell or furnish to a minor, or procure for a minor,  
5 cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars, snuff, tobacco in any other form in which it may be  
6 utilized for smoking or chewing, electronic smoking devices, or alternative nicotine  
7 products. As used in this subdivision, “sell” includes dispensing from a vending machine  
8 under the control of the actor.  
9 b. It is an infraction for any person to display or offer for sale cigarettes, cigarette papers,  
10 cigars, snuff, tobacco in any other form in which it may be utilized for smoking or  
11 chewing, electronic smoking devices, or alternative nicotine products through a self -  
12 service display. This subdivision does not apply to a:  
13 (1) Vending machine or other coin-operated machine that is permitted under section 2; or  
14 (2) Self-service display that is located in a tobacco specialty store.  
15 2. It is a noncriminal offense for a minor to purchase, possess, smoke, or use cigarettes, cigars,  
16 cigarette papers, snuff, tobacco in any other form in which it may be utilized for smoking or  
17 chewing, electronic smoking devices, or alternative nicotine products. However, an  
18 individual under eighteen years of age may purchase and possess tobacco, electronic  
19 smoking devices, or alternative nicotine products as part of a compliance survey program  
20 when acting with the permission of the individual's parent or guardian and while acting under  
21 the supervision of any law enforcement authority. A state agency, city, county, board of  
22 health, tobacco, electronic smoking devices, or alternative nicotine products retailer, or  
23 association of tobacco , electronic smoking devices, or alternative nicotine products retailers  
24 may also conduct compliance surveys, after coordination with the appropriate local law  
25 enforcement authority.  
26 3. It is a noncriminal offense for a minor to present or offer to another individual a purported  
27 proof of age which is false, fraudulent, or not actually the minor's own proof of age, for the  
28 purpose of attempting to purchase or possess cigarettes, cigars, cigarette papers, snuff,

1 tobacco in any other form in which it may be utilized for smoking or chewing, electronic  
2 smoking devices, or alternative nicotine products.

- 3 4. A city or county may adopt an ordinance or resolution regarding the sale of tobacco,  
4 electronic smoking devices, or alternative nicotine products to minors and use of tobacco,  
5 electronic smoking devices, or alternative nicotine products by minors which includes  
6 prohibitions in addition to those in subsection 1, 2, or 3. Any ordinance or resolution adopted  
7 must include provisions deeming a violation of subsection 2 or 3 a noncriminal violation and  
8 must provide for a fee of not less than twenty-five dollars for a minor fourteen years of age or  
9 older who has been charged with an offense under subsection 2 or 3. The failure to post a  
10 required bond or pay an assessed fee by an individual found to have violated the ordinance or  
11 resolution is punishable as a contempt of court, except a minor may not be imprisoned for the  
12 contempt.
- 13 5. A minor fourteen years of age or older found to have violated subsection 2 or 3 must pay a  
14 fee of twenty-five dollars.
  - 15 a. Any individual who has been cited for a violation of subsection 2 or 3 may appear before  
16 a court of competent jurisdiction and pay the fee by the time scheduled for a hearing, or if  
17 bond has been posted, may forfeit the bond by not appearing at the scheduled time. An  
18 individual appearing at the time scheduled in the citation may make a statement in  
19 explanation of that individual's action and the judge may waive, reduce, or suspend the  
20 fee or bond, or both. If the individual cited follows the procedures of this subdivision,  
21 that individual has admitted the violation and has waived the right to a hearing on the  
22 issue of commission of the violation. The bond required to secure appearance before the  
23 court must be identical to the fee. This subdivision does not allow a citing officer to  
24 receive the fee or bond.
  - 25 b. If an individual cited for a violation of subsection 2 or 3 does not choose to follow the  
26 procedures provided under subdivision a, that individual may request a hearing on the  
27 issue of the commission of the violation cited. The hearing must be held at the time  
28 scheduled in the citation or at some future time, not to exceed ninety days later, set at that  
29 first appearance. At the time of a request for a hearing on the issue on commission of the  
30 violation, the individual cited shall deposit with the court an appearance bond equal to the  
31 fee for the violation cited.
  - 32 c. The failure to post bond or to pay an assessed fee is punishable as a contempt of court,  
33 except a minor may not be imprisoned for the contempt.
- 34 6. The prosecution must prove the commission of a cited violation under subsection 2 or 3 by a  
35 preponderance of the evidence.
- 36 7. A law enforcement officer that cites a minor for violation of this section shall mail a notice of  
37 the violation to the parent or legal guardian of the minor within ten days of the citation.
- 38 8. A person adjudged guilty of contempt for failure to pay a fee or fine may be sentenced by the  
39 court to a sanction or order designed to ensure compliance with the payment of the fee or fine  
40 or to an alternative sentence or sanction including community service.
- 41 9. As used in this section:
  - 42 a. "Alternative nicotine product" means any noncombustible product containing nicotine  
43 that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or  
44 ingested by any other means. The term does not include any cigarette, cigar, snuff,  
45 tobacco in any other form in which it may be utilized for smoking or chewing, any  
46 electronic smoking device, or any product regulated as a drug or device by the United

1 States Food and Drug Administration under chapter V of the federal Food, Drug, and  
2 Cosmetic Act [21 U.S.C 501 et seq.].

- 3 b. “Electronic smoking device” means any electronic product that delivers nicotine or other  
4 substances to the individual inhaling from the device, including, an electronic cigarette,  
5 e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah. Electronic smoking device includes any  
6 component, part, or accessory of such a product, whether or not sold separately.  
7 Electronic smoking device does not include drugs, devices, or combination products  
8 approved for sale by the United States food and drug administration, as those terms are  
9 defined in the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act [52 Stat. 1040; 21 U.S.C. 301 et  
10 seq.].
- 11 c. “Self-service display” means a display that contains cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars,  
12 snuff, tobacco in any other form which it may be utilized for smoking or chewing,  
13 electronic smoking devices, or alternative nicotine products and is located in an area that  
14 is openly accessible to the retailer's customers, and from which customers can readily  
15 access those products without the assistance of a salesperson. A display case that holds  
16 those products behind locked doors does not constitute a self-service display.
- 17 d. “Tobacco specialty store” means a retail store that:
- 18 (1) Derives at least seventy-five percent of its revenue from the sale of cigarettes,  
19 cigarette papers, cigars, snuff, tobacco in any other form in which it may be utilized  
20 for smoking or chewing, electronic smoking devices , or alternative nicotine products;  
21 and
- 22 (2) Does not permit minors to enter the premises unless accompanied by a parent or legal  
23 guardian.
- 24 e. “Vending machine” means a machine, appliance, or other mechanical device operated by  
25 currency, token, debit card, credit card, or other means of payment that is designed or  
26 used for vending purposes, including machines or devices that use remote control locking  
27 mechanisms.

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29 Section 2. [*Vending machines prohibited – penalty.*]

- 30 1. It is an infraction for any person to sell or furnish cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars,  
31 snuff, tobacco in any other form in which it may be utilized for smoking or chewing,  
32 electronic smoking devices, or alternative nicotine products through a vending machine,  
33 except as provided in subsection 2.
- 34 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to:
- 35 a. A vending machine that is located in an area in which minors are not permitted  
36 access; or
- 37 b. A vending machine that dispenses cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars, snuff, tobacco  
38 in any other form in which it may be utilized for smoking or chewing , electronic  
39 smoking devices , or alternative nicotine products through the operation of a device  
40 that requires a salesperson to control the dispensation of such product.
- 41 3. It is an infraction for any person to sell or furnish cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars,  
42 snuff, tobacco in any other form in which it may be utilized for smoking or chewing ,  
43 electronic smoking devices , or alternative nicotine products through any vending  
44 machine, if those products are placed together with any nontobacco product, other than  
45 matches, in the vending machine.

- 1 4. As used in this section, “electronic smoking devices” and “alternative nicotine products”  
2 have the same meaning as in section 1.  
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4 Section 3. [*Child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine containers.*]

- 5 1. Any nicotine liquid container that is sold at retail in this state must satisfy the child - resistant  
6 effectiveness standards set forth in title 16, CFR, part 1700, section 15(b)(1), when tested in  
7 accordance with the method described in title 16, CFR, part 1700, section 20.  
8 2. As used in this section, “nicotine liquid container” means a bottle or other container of a  
9 liquid or other substance containing nicotine in which the liquid or substance is sold,  
10 marketed, or intended for use in an electronic smoking device. The term does not include a  
11 liquid or other substance containing nicotine in a cartridge that is sold, marketed, or intended  
12 for use in an electronic smoking device, provided that the cartridge is prefilled and sealed by  
13 the manufacturer and not intended to be opened by the consumer.  
14 3. Any person that engages in retail sales of liquid nicotine containers in violation of this  
15 section is subject to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars for each separate  
16 violation of this section, to be recovered by any enforcement authority designated by the city  
17 or political subdivision in which the violation occurred.  
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19 Section 4. [*Prohibited acts regarding sale of tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, or*  
20 *alternative nicotine products to minors.*]

- 21 1. It is unlawful for any person in the business of selling tobacco products to take an order  
22 for a tobacco product, other than from a person who is in the business of selling tobacco  
23 products, through the mail or through any telecommunications means, including by  
24 telephone, facsimile, or the internet, if in providing for the sale or delivery of the product  
25 pursuant to the order, the person mails the product or ships the product by carrier, and the  
26 person fails to comply with each of the following procedures:  
27 a. Before mailing or shipping the product, the person receives from the individual who  
28 places the order the following:  
29 (1) A copy of a valid government-issued document that provides the name, address,  
30 and date of birth of the individual; and  
31 (2) A signed statement from the individual providing a certification that the  
32 individual:  
33 (a) Is a smoker of legal minimum purchase age in the state;  
34 (b) Has selected an option on the statement as to whether the individual wants to  
35 receive mailings from a tobacco company; and  
36 (c) Understands that providing false information may constitute a violation of  
37 law.  
38 b. Before mailing or shipping the product, the person:  
39 (1) Verifies the date of birth or age of the individual against a commercially available  
40 database;  
41 (2) Obtains a photocopy or other image of the valid, government-issued identification  
42 stating the date of birth or age of the individual placing the order.  
43 c. Before mailing or shipping the product, the person provides to the prospective  
44 purchaser, by electronic mail or other means, a notice that meets the requirements of  
45 [Insert citation – remote sales of tobacco products.]

- 1 d. In the case of an order for a product pursuant to an advertisement on the internet, the  
2 person receives payment by credit card, debit card, or check for the order before  
3 mailing or shipping the product.
- 4 e.
- 5 (1) The person employs a method of mailing or shipping the product requiring that  
6 the individual purchasing the product:
- 7 (a) Be the addressee;
- 8 (b) Have an individual of legal minimum purchase age sign for delivery of the  
9 package; and
- 10 (c) If the individual appears to the carrier making the delivery to be under twenty-  
11 seven years of age, take delivery of the package only after producing valid  
12 government-issued identification that bears a photograph of the individual,  
13 indicates that the individual is not under the legal age to purchase cigarettes,  
14 and indicates that the individual is not younger than the age indicated on the  
15 government-issued document.
- 16 (2) The bill of lading clearly states the requirements in subdivision a and specifies  
17 that state law requires compliance with the requirements.
- 18 f. The person notifies the carrier for the mailing or shipping, in writing, of the age of the  
19 addressee as indicated by the government-issued document.
- 20 2. It is unlawful for any person in the business of selling electronic smoking devices or  
21 alternative nicotine products to take an order for an electronic smoking device or  
22 alternative nicotine product, other than from a person who is in the business of selling  
23 electronic smoking devices or alternative nicotine products through the mail or through  
24 any telecommunications means, including by telephone, facsimile, or the internet, if in  
25 providing for the sale or delivery of the product pursuant to the order, the person mails  
26 the product or ships the product by carrier, and the person fails to comply with each of  
27 the following procedures:
- 28 a. Before the sale of the electronic smoking device or alternative nicotine product  
29 verifies the purchaser is at least eighteen years of age through a commercially  
30 available database that is regularly used by business or governmental entities for the  
31 purpose of age and identity verification; and
- 32 b. Uses a method of mailing, shipping, or delivery which requires an individual of legal  
33 minimum purchase age to sign for delivery before the electronic smoking device or  
34 alternative nicotine product is released to the purchaser.
- 35 3. As used in subsection 2, “electronic smoking devices” and “alternative nicotine products”  
36 have the same meaning as in section 1.

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38 Section 5. [*Expiration Date.*]

39 Section 3 of this Act is effective until the date the attorney general certifies to the legislative  
40 council that final regulations issued by the United States food and drug administration or  
41 another federal agency are in effect which mandate child-resistant effectiveness standards for  
42 liquid nicotine containers, and after that date is ineffective.