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SENATE, Thursday, April 21, 2016

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill to protect youth from the health risks of tobacco and nicotine addiction (Senate, No. 2152),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2234).

For the committee,  
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An Act to protect youth from the health risks of tobacco and nicotine addiction.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
2 2A, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 section:-

4           Section 2A. No person shall use tobacco products as defined in section 6 of chapter 270  
5 within the school buildings or facilities or on the grounds or school buses of a primary or  
6 secondary school, including public and private schools, or at any school-sponsored event.

7           Each school committee or board of trustees shall establish a policy regarding violations  
8 of this section. The policy may include, but shall not be limited to, mandatory education classes  
9 on the hazards of using tobacco products.

10          SECTION 2. Section 37H of said chapter 71, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
11 inserting after the word “products”, in line 4, the following words:- , as defined in section 6 of  
12 chapter 270.

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 74 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
14 following section:-

15 Section 57. No person shall use tobacco products as defined in section 6 of chapter 270  
16 within the school buildings or facilities or on the grounds or school buses of a vocational school  
17 or at any school-sponsored event at a vocational school.

18 Each school committee or board of trustees shall establish a policy regarding violations  
19 of this section. The policy may include, but shall not be limited to, mandatory education classes  
20 on the hazards of using of tobacco products.

21 SECTION 4. Chapter 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
22 307C, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following  
23 section:-

24 Section 307C. The department of public health may, in consultation with the attorney  
25 general, the department of revenue and the multi-agency illegal tobacco task force established in  
26 section 40 of chapter 64C, establish regulations for persons engaged in the sale or shipment of  
27 tobacco products as defined in section 6 of chapter 270 to prevent the sale or delivery of tobacco  
28 products to individuals under 21 years of age.

29 SECTION 5. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
30 section 61 the following section:-

31 Section 61A. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following  
32 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

33           “Health care institution”, an individual, partnership, association, corporation or trust or a  
34 person or group of persons that: (i) provides health care services and employs health care  
35 providers subject to licensing under this chapter; or (ii) a retail establishment that sells  
36 pharmaceutical goods and services and is subject to regulation by the board of registration in  
37 pharmacy.

38           “Retail establishment”, a store that sells goods to the public.

39           “Tobacco product”, a tobacco product as defined in section 6 of chapter 270.

40           (b) No health care institution shall sell or authorize the sale of tobacco products within  
41 the buildings or facilities or on the grounds of the health care institution. For the purposes of this  
42 section, a retail establishment that operates at a health care institution or has a health care  
43 institution located on or within its premises shall be considered a health care institution.

44           SECTION 6. Chapter 270 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out  
45 sections 6 and 6A, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the  
46 following 2 sections:-

47           Section 6. (a) As used in this section and section 6A, the following words shall have the  
48 following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

49           “Manufacturer”, a person or entity that manufactures or produces a tobacco product.

50           "Person", an individual, firm, fiduciary, partnership, corporation, trust or association,  
51 however formed, a club, trustee, agency or receiver.

52           “Retail establishment”, a physical place of business or a section of a physical place of  
53 business where a tobacco product is offered for sale to consumers.

54 “Retail tobacco store”, an establishment: (i) that is not required to possess a retail food  
55 permit; (ii) whose primary purpose is to sell or offer for sale to consumers, but not for resale, a  
56 tobacco product and related paraphernalia in which the sale of other products is merely  
57 incidental; (iii) that prohibits the entry of persons under the age of 21; and (iv) that maintains a  
58 valid permit for the retail sale of a tobacco product as required to be issued by the appropriate  
59 authority in the city or town in which the establishment is located.

60 “Retailer”, a person or entity that operates a store or premises that offers a tobacco  
61 product for sale.

62 “Tobacco product”, a product containing, made or derived from tobacco or nicotine that  
63 is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled,  
64 snorted, sniffed or ingested by any other means including, but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars,  
65 little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco and snuff and electronic cigarettes, electronic cigars,  
66 electronic pipes or other similar products that rely on vaporization or aerosolization; provided,  
67 however, that “tobacco product” shall include any component, part or accessory of a tobacco  
68 product; and provided further, that “tobacco product” shall not include a product that has been  
69 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the sale or use as a tobacco  
70 cessation product and is marketed and sold exclusively for the approved purpose.

71 (b) No person shall sell a tobacco product to a person under the age of 21 or give a  
72 tobacco product to a person under the age of 21.

73 (c) No manufacturer or retailer shall distribute or cause to be distributed a free sample of  
74 a tobacco product in a retail or other commercial establishment; provided, however, that this  
75 subsection shall not apply to retail tobacco stores and smoking bars as defined in section 22.

76 (d) A person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of \$100 for the first  
77 offense, \$200 for a second offense and \$300 for a third or subsequent offense.

78 (e) The department of public health may promulgate regulations to implement this  
79 section.

80 Section 6A. (a) For purposes of this section, “tobacco vending machine”, shall mean an  
81 automated or mechanical self-service device which, upon insertion of money or other form of  
82 payment, dispenses or creates a tobacco product.

83 (b) No person shall use a tobacco vending machine for the commercial distribution of  
84 tobacco products or to otherwise sell tobacco products.

85 (c) A person who sells tobacco rolling papers to a person under the age of 21 shall be  
86 punished by a fine of \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense and \$100 for a third or  
87 subsequent offense.

88 SECTION 7. Subsection (a) of section 22 of said chapter 270, as appearing in the 2014  
89 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definitions of “Smoking or smoke” and  
90 “Smoking bar” and inserting in place thereof the following 3 definitions:-

91 “Smoking”, the inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying of a lighted or heated cigar,  
92 cigarette, pipe or other tobacco product or plant product intended for inhalation in any manner or  
93 form; provided, however, that “smoking” shall include the use of electronic cigarettes, electronic  
94 cigars, electronic pipes or other similar products that rely on vaporization or aerosolization.

95 “Smoking bar”, an establishment that: (i) exclusively occupies an enclosed indoor space  
96 and is primarily engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products as defined in section 6 for

97 consumption by customers on the premises; (ii) derives revenue from the sale of food, alcohol or  
98 other beverages that is incidental to the sale of a tobacco product and prohibits entry to a person  
99 under 21 years of age; (iii) prohibits any food or beverage not sold directly by the business from  
100 being consumed on the premises; (iv) maintains a valid permit for the retail sale of a tobacco  
101 product as required to be issued by the appropriate authority in the city or town in which the  
102 establishment is located; and (v) maintains a valid permit to operate a smoking bar issued by the  
103 department of revenue.

104 “Tobacco product”, a tobacco product as defined in section 6.

105 SECTION 8. Said section 22 of said chapter 270, as so appearing, is hereby further  
106 amended by striking out, in lines 90, 276 and 281, the figure “18” and inserting in place thereof,  
107 in each instance, the following figure:- 21.

108 SECTION 9. Said chapter 270 is hereby further amended by adding the following  
109 section:-

110 Section 27. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following  
111 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

112 “Child-resistant packaging”, packaging intended to reduce the risk of children ingesting  
113 nicotine that meets the minimum standards as set forth in 15 U.S.C. §§ 1471 to 1476, inclusive,  
114 and 16 CFR § 1700 et seq.

115 “Liquid nicotine container”, a package: (i) from which nicotine in a solution or other  
116 form is accessible through normal and foreseeable use by a consumer; and (ii) that is used to  
117 hold soluble nicotine in any concentration; provided, however, that the term “liquid nicotine

118 container” shall not include a sealed, prefilled and disposable container of nicotine in a solution  
119 or other form in which such container is inserted directly into an electronic cigarette, electronic  
120 nicotine delivery system or other similar product if the nicotine in the container is inaccessible  
121 through customary or reasonably foreseeable handling or use, including reasonably foreseeable  
122 ingestion or other contact by children, as amended from time to time.

123 (b) No person shall sell, distribute or import for sale within the commonwealth:

124 (i) a liquid or gel substance containing nicotine unless that product is contained in  
125 child-resistant packaging; or

126 (ii) a nicotine liquid container unless that container includes child-resistant  
127 packaging as part of its design.

128 (c) A person who violates this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$250 for a  
129 first violation, \$500 for a second violation and \$1,000 for a third or subsequent violation.

130 (d) The local board of health, the local department of public health, the local inspection  
131 department or equivalent local authority or its agent shall enforce this section through the  
132 noncriminal disposition of violations. In the city of Boston, the commissioner of health and the  
133 commissioner’s authorized agents shall enforce this section through the noncriminal disposition  
134 of violations.

135 SECTION 10. The commissioner of public health may promulgate regulations to restrict  
136 the sale of products containing nicotine to individuals under the age of 21; provided, however,  
137 that a regulated product shall contain nicotine and be primarily manufactured to deliver nicotine  
138 to the user. The commissioner shall send a notice of proposed changes, including proposed draft



139 regulations, to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on  
140 public health at least 90 days before filing draft regulations with the secretary of state.

141 SECTION 11. On the effective date of this act, a retail establishment that sells tobacco  
142 products as those terms are defined in section 6 of chapter 270 of the General Laws shall  
143 conspicuously post a notice produced by the department of public health that states the minimum  
144 legal sales age to purchase tobacco products. The notice shall include the dates that the minimum  
145 age for purchase of tobacco products shall go into effect. Retail establishments shall  
146 continuously post the notice until January 1, 2019.

147 SECTION 12. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section 6 of chapter 270 of the General  
148 Laws, the prohibition on sales of tobacco products to persons under the age of 21 shall not  
149 prohibit such sales to persons who attained the age of 18 before January 1, 2017.

150 SECTION 13. The center for health information and analysis, in collaboration with the  
151 division of insurance, department of public health, the group insurance commission and the  
152 office of Medicaid, shall review the tobacco cessation benefits offered by each health insurance  
153 plan and compare the tobacco cessation benefits to the United States Preventive Services Task  
154 Force recommendations for best practices for comprehensive tobacco cessation treatment.

155 SECTION 14. There shall be a special task force to investigate the differences in the  
156 regulation and oversight of electronic nicotine delivery products compared to other tobacco  
157 products. The task force shall make recommendations regarding: (i) ways to regulate the  
158 manufacture of e-liquid, whether it contains nicotine or not; (ii) exemptions from statutory or  
159 regulatory requirements for tobacco products; and (iii) other means to ensure the safe use of  
160 electronic nicotine delivery products.

161 The task force shall consist of the commissioner of public health or a designee who shall serve as  
162 chair and 6 person to be appointed by the governor, 2 of whom shall be experts on the public  
163 health implications of electronic nicotine delivery products, 2 of whom shall be experts in safe  
164 manufacturing processes for e-liquid, 1 of whom shall be an expert in the development of  
165 electronic nicotine products and 1 of whom shall be an owner of a retail establishment offering  
166 electronic nicotine delivery products for sale.

167 Not later than October 1, 2017, the task force shall submit its recommendations, together with  
168 drafts of legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect by filing the same with  
169 the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the senate and house chairs of the joint  
170 committee on public health.

171 SECTION 15. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2017.