

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1264 (Substitute for House Bill No. 208 by Representative Hoffman)

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

REVENUE DEPARTMENT: Prohibits the sale of electronic cigarettes and vapor products to persons under the age of eighteen

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:91.6(A) and 91.8(B), (C), (D), (E), (F)(1) and  
3 (2)(introductory paragraph) and (c), and (H), R.S. 26:901, 902(1), 905(B), 909(A)(2),  
4 910, 910.1, 911(A)(introductory paragraph), (1) and (2), 917(A)(introductory  
5 paragraph) and (C), and 932(6), and R.S. 47:851(C)(2), and to enact R.S.  
6 14:91.6(B)(6) and (7) and 91.8(G)(6) and (7), relative to alternative nicotine products  
7 and vapor products; to prohibit the sale or other distribution of alternative nicotine  
8 products and vapor pens to persons under the age of eighteen years; to provide  
9 relative to definitions; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 14:91.6(A) and 91.8(B), (C), (D), (E), (F)(1) and (2)(introductory  
12 paragraph) and (c), and (H) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:91.6(B)(6) and  
13 (7) and 91.8(G)(6) and (7) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §91.6. Unlawful distribution of sample tobacco products, alternative nicotine  
15 products, or vapor products to persons under age eighteen; penalty

16 A. No person shall distribute or cause to be distributed to persons under  
17 eighteen years of age a promotional sample of any tobacco product, alternative  
18 nicotine product, or vapor product.

19 B. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

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(6) "Alternative nicotine product" means any non-combustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. "Alternative nicotine product" does not include any:

- (a) Tobacco product.
- (b) Vapor product.
- (c) Product that is a drug pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1).
- (d) Device pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(h).
- (e) Combination product described in 21 U.S.C. 353(g).

(7) "Vapor product" means any non-combustible product containing nicotine or other substances that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. "Vapor product" includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. "Vapor product" does not include any:

- (a) Product that is a drug pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1).
- (b) Device pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(h).
- (c) Combination product described in 21 U.S.C. 353(g).

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§91.8. Unlawful sale, purchase, or possession of tobacco, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products; signs required; penalties

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B. It is the intent of the legislature that enforcement of this Section shall be implemented in an equitable manner throughout the state. For the purpose of equitable and uniform implementation and application of state and local laws and

1 regulations, the provisions of this Section shall supersede existing or subsequently  
2 adopted local ordinances or regulations which relate to the sale, promotion, and  
3 distribution of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products.

4 It is the intent of the legislature that this Section shall be equitably enforced so as to  
5 ensure the eligibility for and receipt of any federal funds or grants the state now  
6 receives or may receive relating to the provisions of this Section.

7 C. It is unlawful for any manufacturer, distributor, retailer, or other person  
8 knowingly to sell or distribute any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or  
9 vapor product to a person under the age of eighteen. However, it shall not be  
10 unlawful for a person under the age of eighteen to accept receipt of a tobacco  
11 product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product from an employer when  
12 required in the performance of such person's duties. At the point of purchase, a sign  
13 in type not less than 30-point type shall be displayed that reads "LOUISIANA LAW  
14 PROHIBITS THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALTERNATIVE  
15 NICOTINE PRODUCTS, OR VAPOR PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER AGE  
16 18".

17 D. It is unlawful for a vending machine operator to place in use a vending  
18 machine to vend any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product  
19 automatically, unless the machine displays a sign or sticker in not less than 22-point  
20 type on the front of the machine stating, "LOUISIANA LAW PROHIBITS THE  
21 SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, OR  
22 VAPOR PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 18", ~~or words of similar~~  
23 ~~meaning.~~

24 E. It is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen to buy any tobacco  
25 product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product.

26 F.(1) It is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen to possess any  
27 tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product.

1 (2) However, it shall not be unlawful for a person under the age of eighteen  
2 to possess a tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product under  
3 any of the following circumstances:

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5 (c) When the tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product  
6 is handled during the course and scope of his employment and required in the  
7 performance of such person's duties.

8 G. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

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10 (6) "Alternative nicotine product" means any non-combustible product  
11 containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed,  
12 absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. "Alternative nicotine product"  
13 does not include any:

14 (a) Tobacco product.

15 (b) Vapor product.

16 (c) Product that is a drug pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1).

17 (d) Device pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(h).

18 (e) Combination product described in 21 U.S.C. 353(g).

19 (7) "Vapor product" means any non-combustible product containing nicotine  
20 or other substances that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit,  
21 or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that  
22 can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. "Vapor  
23 product" includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo,  
24 electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other  
25 container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or  
26 in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or  
27 similar product or device. "Vapor product" does not include any:

28 (a) Product that is a drug pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1).



1           ~~(2)~~(3) "Cigar" includes any roll of tobacco for smoking, irrespective of size  
2           or shape, and irrespective of the tobacco being flavored, adulterated, or mixed with  
3           any other ingredients, where such roll has a wrapper made chiefly of tobacco.

4           ~~(3)~~(4) "Cigarette" includes any roll for smoking made wholly or in part of  
5           tobacco, irrespective of size or shape and irrespective of the tobacco being flavored,  
6           adulterated, or mixed with any other ingredient, where such roll has a wrapper or  
7           cover made of paper, or any other material except where such wrapper is wholly or  
8           in greater part made of tobacco.

9           ~~(4)~~(5) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of alcohol and tobacco  
10          control.

11          ~~(5)~~(6) "Dealer" includes every person who manufactures or purchases cigars,  
12          cigarettes, or other tobacco products for distribution or resale in this state. The term  
13          also means any person who imports cigars, cigarettes, or other tobacco products from  
14          any state or foreign country for distribution, sale, or consumption in this state.

15          ~~(6)~~(7) "Exporter license" means the stamping agent designation as set forth  
16          in R.S. 26:902(5)(b).

17          ~~(7)~~(8) "Facility" means a part or portion of an establishment which is  
18          designed so as to impede a minor's access to a vending machine by walls or other  
19          separation in combination with signs designed to notify the public that persons under  
20          the age of eighteen are prohibited from the area.

21          ~~(8)~~(9) A "knowing violation or failure" is a knowing or intentional engaging  
22          in conduct without a good faith belief that the conduct was consistent with the  
23          provisions of this Chapter.

24          ~~(9)~~(10) "Manufacturer" means anyone engaged in the manufacture,  
25          production, or foreign importation of tobacco products who sells to wholesalers.

26          ~~(10)~~(11) "Person" means any natural person, trustee, company, partnership,  
27          corporation, or other legal entity.

28          ~~(11)~~(12) "Place of business" means the place where the tobacco orders,  
29          alternative nicotine products orders, or vapor products orders are received, or where

1 the taxable tobacco articles are sold, or if sold by a retail dealer upon a railroad train  
2 or on or from any other vehicle, the vehicle on which or from which the taxable  
3 articles or alternative nicotine products or vapor products are sold by the retail  
4 dealer. It also includes the establishment where vending machines are located.

5 ~~(12)~~(13) "Purchase" means acquisition in any manner, for any consideration.  
6 The term shall include transporting or receiving product in connection with a  
7 purchase.

8 ~~(13)~~(14) "Retail dealer" includes every dealer other than a wholesale dealer,  
9 or manufacturer who sells or offers for sale cigars, cigarettes, ~~or~~ other tobacco  
10 products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products, irrespective of quantity or  
11 the number of sales.

12 ~~(14)~~(15) "Sale" or "sell" means any transfer, exchange, or barter in any  
13 manner or by any means for any consideration. The term shall include distributing  
14 or shipping product in connection with a sale. References to a sale "in" or "into" a  
15 state refer to the state of the destination point of the product in the sale, without  
16 regard to where title was transferred. References to sale "from" a state refer to the  
17 sale of cigarettes that are located in that state to the destination in question without  
18 regard to where title was transferred.

19 ~~(15)~~(16) "Sales entity affiliate" means an entity that sells cigarettes that it  
20 acquires directly from a manufacturer or importer and is affiliated with that  
21 manufacturer or importer as established by documentation received directly from  
22 that manufacturer or importer to the satisfaction of the attorney general. Entities are  
23 affiliated with each other if one, directly or indirectly through one or more  
24 intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common control with the  
25 other.

26 ~~(16)~~(17) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Department of Revenue and  
27 includes any of his duly authorized assistants.

28 ~~(17)~~(18) "Self-service display" means any display that contains tobacco  
29 products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products, and is located in an area

1           openly accessible to the retail dealer's customers and from which such customers can  
2           readily access tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products  
3           without the assistance of a salesperson. A display case that holds tobacco products,  
4           alternative nicotine products, or vapor products behind locked doors does not  
5           constitute a self-service display for purposes of this Chapter.

6           ~~(18)~~(19) "Smokeless tobacco" means any finely cut, ground, powdered, or  
7           leaf tobacco that is intended to be placed in the oral or nasal cavity.

8           ~~(19)~~(20) "Smoking tobacco" includes granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready  
9           rubbed, and any other kind and form of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be  
10          suitable for smoking in pipe or cigarette.

11          ~~(20)~~(21) "Stamp" means the impression, device, stamp, label, or print  
12          manufactured or printed as prescribed by the secretary by the use of which the tax  
13          levied hereunder is paid. By way of extension, and not limitation, the term "stamp"  
14          means any impression or character affixed to or which shall be stamped upon  
15          commodities by metered stamping machine or device by use of which the tax levied  
16          hereunder is paid.

17          ~~(21)~~(22) "Stamping agent" means a dealer that is authorized to affix tax  
18          stamps to packages or other containers of cigarettes under R.S. 47:843 et seq. or any  
19          dealer that is required to pay the excise tax or tobacco tax imposed pursuant to R.S.  
20          47:841 et seq. on cigarettes.

21          ~~(22)~~(23) "State directory" or "directory" means the directory compiled by the  
22          attorney general under R.S. 13:5073, or, in the case of reference to another state's  
23          directory, the directory compiled under the similar law in that other state.

24          ~~(23)~~(24) "Tobacconist" means any bona fide tobacco retailer engaged in  
25          receiving bulk smoking tobacco for the purpose of blending such tobacco for retail  
26          sale at a particular retail outlet where fifty percent or more of the total purchases for  
27          the preceding twelve months were purchases of tobacco products, excluding  
28          cigarettes.



1           ~~(24)~~(25) "Tobacco product" means any cigar, cigarette, smokeless tobacco,  
2 or smoking tobacco.

3           (26) "Vapor product" means any non-combustible product containing  
4 nicotine or other substances that employs a heating element, power source, electronic  
5 circuit, or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or  
6 size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form.

7 "Vapor product" includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic  
8 cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or  
9 other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with  
10 or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or  
11 similar product or device. "Vapor product" does not include any:

12           (a) Product that is a drug pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1).

13           (b) Device pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 321(h).

14           (c) Combination product described in 21 U.S.C. 353(g).

15           ~~(25)~~(27) "Vending machine" means any mechanical, electric, or electronic  
16 self-service device which, upon insertion of money, tokens, or any other form of  
17 payment, automatically dispenses tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or  
18 vapor products.

19           ~~(26)~~(28) "Vending machine operator" means any person who controls the use  
20 of one or more vending machines as to the supply of cigarettes or any tobacco  
21 products in the machine or the receipts from cigarettes vended through such  
22 machines.

23           ~~(27)~~(29) "Wholesale dealer" means a dealer whose principal business is that  
24 of a wholesaler, who sells cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco products to retail  
25 dealers for purpose of resale, who is a bona fide wholesaler, and fifty percent of  
26 whose total tobacco sales are to retail stores other than its own or its subsidiaries  
27 within Louisiana. Wholesale dealer shall include any person in the state who  
28 acquires cigarettes solely for the purpose of resale in vending machines, provided  
29 such person services fifty or more cigarette vending machines in Louisiana other

1 than his own, and a Louisiana dealer who was affixing cigarette and tobacco stamps  
2 as of January 1, 1974.

3 §902. Permits

4 The commissioner shall issue as authorized by this Section the following  
5 types of permits and shall adopt rules and regulations that specify the identifying  
6 information that is required to appear on the face of each type of permit:

7 (1) Retail Dealer Permit. A retail dealer permit shall be issued to a dealer  
8 other than a wholesale dealer or vending machine operator for each retail outlet  
9 where cigars, cigarettes, ~~or other tobacco products,~~ alternative nicotine products, or  
10 vapor products are offered for sale either over the counter or by vending machine.

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12 §905. Renewal of a permit

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14 B. If a dealer fails to file an application and pay the permit fees by the date  
15 established by the commissioner, there shall be added to the fee, in addition to other  
16 penalties provided in this Chapter, a delinquency penalty of twenty-five percent if  
17 the failure is not more than thirty days, with an additional twenty-five percent for  
18 each additional thirty days or fraction thereof during which the failure continues. If  
19 the dealer fails to make his application by the date established by the commissioner,  
20 the commissioner may, without notice or hearing, suspend his right to possess or sell  
21 tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products.

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23 §909. General requirements of eligibility

24 A. The commissioner may suspend a permit previously issued or may refuse  
25 to grant a permit if, after a hearing and by a preponderance of the evidence, it is  
26 proven that the permittee, or an employee or agent thereof, or applicant either:

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1 (2) Has violated the terms and provisions of R.S. 14:91.6 relative to the  
2 unlawful distribution of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor  
3 products.

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5 §910. Vending machines

6 In order to prevent persons under eighteen years of age from purchasing or  
7 receiving tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products from  
8 vending machines, the sale or delivery of ~~tobacco~~ such products through a vending  
9 machine is prohibited unless either:

10 (1) The machine is located in an establishment to which persons under the  
11 age of eighteen are denied access.

12 (2) The machine is located in facilities where the dealer ensures that no  
13 person younger than eighteen years of age is present or permitted to enter at any time  
14 and the machine is located within the unobstructed line of sight of a dealer or a  
15 dealer's agent or employee who is responsible for preventing persons younger than  
16 eighteen years of age from purchasing tobacco products, alternative nicotine  
17 products, or vapor products through that machine.

18 §910.1. Self-service displays

19 A. In order to prevent persons under eighteen years of age from purchasing  
20 or receiving tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products from  
21 self-service displays, the sale or delivery of ~~tobacco~~ such products through a self-  
22 service display is prohibited unless the machine is a vending machine as defined in  
23 R.S. 26:910 that complies with the terms and provisions of ~~R.S. 26:910~~ that Section.

24 B.(1) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a tobacconist at a  
25 particular outlet or a retail tobacco business.

26 (2) "Retail tobacco business" for purposes of this Section means a bona fide  
27 retail dealer engaged in the sale of tobacco products and accessories for retail sale  
28 where fifty percent or more of the total sales for the preceding twelve months,

1           excluding fuel sales, were tobacco products, including cigarettes, alternative nicotine  
2           products, or vapor products.

3                   (3) "Tobacconist at a particular outlet" for purposes of this Section means  
4           a bona fide retail dealer engaged in receiving bulk smoking tobacco for the purpose  
5           of blending such tobacco for retail sale at a particular retail outlet where fifty percent  
6           or more of the total purchases for the preceding twelve months were purchases of  
7           tobacco products, excluding cigarettes, alternative nicotine products, or vapor  
8           products.

9           §911. Acts prohibited

10                   A. No person, agent, associate, employee, representative, or servant of any  
11           person shall permit any of the following acts to be done on or about any premises  
12           which sells or offers for sale tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor  
13           products:

14                    (1) Sell or serve tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor  
15           products over-the-counter in a retail establishment to any person under the age of  
16           eighteen unless such person submits a driver's license, selective service card, or other  
17           lawful identification which on its face establishes the age of the person as eighteen  
18           years or older and there is no reason to doubt the authenticity or correctness of the  
19           identification.

20                    (2) Violate the terms and provisions of R.S. 14:91.6 relative to the unlawful  
21           distribution of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products.

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23           §917. Violations by employee; employer liability

24                    A. Sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products  
25           to a minor by a retail dealer's agent, associate, employee, representative, or servant  
26           shall be considered an act of the retail dealer for purposes of suspension, revocation,  
27           or assessment of civil penalties unless all of the following conditions exist:

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1 C. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall not apply if a retail  
 2 dealer, or lawful retailer of alternative nicotine products or vapor products, as  
 3 applicable, within one hundred eighty days from the hiring of an agent, associate,  
 4 employee, representative, or servant can prove that he has made application to have  
 5 the employee attend a training program or the retail dealer or lawful retailer, as  
 6 applicable, has received an extension of time in which to comply from the  
 7 commissioner because of unavailability of a training program.

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9 §932. Definitions

10 For purposes of this Chapter, the following terms have the respective  
 11 meanings ascribed to them in this Chapter, unless a different meaning clearly appears  
 12 from the context:

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14 (6) "Server" means any employee of a vendor, other than security personnel,  
 15 who is authorized to sell or serve alcoholic beverages, ~~or~~ tobacco products,  
 16 alternative nicotine products, or vapor products in the normal course of his or her  
 17 employment or deals with customers who purchase or consume alcoholic beverages  
 18 or tobacco products. "Server" shall not include individuals employed on a temporary  
 19 or casual basis by a bona fide hotel or motel for banquets, catering, or other special  
 20 events.

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22 Section 3. R.S. 47:851(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

23 §851. Dealers receiving unstamped and/or nontax paid cigarettes, cigars, and  
 24 smoking tobaccos required to file monthly reports and maintain records;  
 25 vending machine restrictions

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27 C.

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1           (2) In accordance with ~~state law prohibiting minors from purchasing tobacco~~  
2           ~~products~~ R.S. 14:91.8(D), vending machine operators shall affix a ~~sticker in a~~  
3           ~~prominent place on each machine, in print not smaller than twenty-two point, sign~~  
4           ~~or sticker in not less than 22-point type on the front of each machine~~ stating,  
5           ~~"Louisiana Law Prohibits the Purchase of Tobacco Products by Anyone Under Age~~  
6           ~~17"~~ "LOUISIANA LAW PROHIBITS THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS,  
7           ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, OR VAPOR PRODUCTS TO  
8           PERSONS UNDER AGE 18".

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10           Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
14 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Hoffmann HB No. 1264

**Abstract:** Prohibits the sale of electronic cigarettes and vapor products to persons under the age of eighteen.

Present law prohibits the distribution of sample tobacco products to persons under the age of 18 years.

Proposed law retains present law and adds alternative nicotine products to the present law prohibition.

Proposed law defines "alternative nicotine product" as any non-combustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means, but does not include any:

- (1) Tobacco product.
- (2) Vapor product.
- (3) Product that is a drug pursuant to federal law (21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1)).
- (4) Device pursuant to federal law (21 U.S.C. 321(h)).

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

- (5) Combination product described in federal law (21 U.S.C. 353(g)).

Proposed law defines "vapor product" as any non-combustible product containing nicotine or other substances that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. Proposed law further provides that "vapor product" includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device.

Proposed law provides that "vapor product" does not include any:

- (1) Product that is a drug pursuant to federal law (21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1)).
- (2) Device pursuant to federal law (21 U.S.C. 321(h)).
- (3) Combination product described in federal law (21 U.S.C. 353(g)).

Present law prohibits the sale of tobacco to or the purchase or possession of tobacco by any person under the age of 18 years.

Proposed law retains present law and adds alternative nicotine products and vapor products to the present law prohibition.

Present law provides that, in order to prevent persons under 18 years of age from purchasing or receiving tobacco products from vending machines, the sale or delivery of tobacco products through a vending machine is prohibited unless either:

- (1) The machine is located in an establishment to which persons under the age of 18 are denied access.
- (2) The machine is located in facilities where the dealer ensures that no person younger than 18 years of age is present or permitted to enter at any time, and the machine is located within the unobstructed line of sight of a dealer or a dealer's agent or employee who is responsible for preventing persons younger than 18 years of age from purchasing tobacco products through that machine.

Proposed law retains present law and adds alternative nicotine products and vapor products to the coverage of present law.

Present law provides that, in order to prevent persons under 18 years of age from purchasing or receiving tobacco products from self-service displays, the sale or delivery of tobacco products through a self-service display is prohibited unless the machine is a vending machine that complies with the terms and provisions of present law.

Proposed law retains present law and adds alternative nicotine products and vapor products to the coverage of present law.

Present law provides relative to retail dealer permits and the renewal of retail dealer permits for the sale of cigars, cigarettes, and other tobacco products that are offered for sale either over the counter or by vending machine.

Proposed law retains present law and adds alternative nicotine products and vapor products to the coverage of present law.

Present law provides relative to the sale of tobacco products through vending machines and self-service displays.

Proposed law retains present law and adds alternative nicotine products and vapor products to the coverage of present law.

Present law defines "retail tobacco business" as a bona fide retail dealer engaged in the sale of tobacco products and accessories for retail sale where fifty percent or more of the total sales for the preceding 12 months, excluding fuel sales, were tobacco products, including cigarettes.

Proposed law retains present law and adds alternative nicotine products and vapor products to the definition of retail tobacco business.

Present law defines "tobacconist at a particular outlet" as a bona fide retail dealer engaged in receiving bulk smoking tobacco for the purpose of blending such tobacco for retail sale at a particular retail outlet where fifty percent or more of the total purchases for the preceding 12 months were purchases of tobacco products, excluding cigarettes.

Proposed law retains present law and also excludes alternative nicotine products and vapor products from the definition of "tobacconist at a particular outlet".

Present law prohibits any person, agent, associate, employee, representative, or servant of any person from selling or serving tobacco products over-the-counter in a retail establishment to any person under the age of 18 years unless such person submits a driver's license, selective service card, or other lawful identification that on its face establishes the age of the person as 18 years or older and there is no reason to doubt the authenticity or correctness of the identification. Present law further prohibits such persons from violating present law relative to the unlawful distribution of tobacco products to minors.

Proposed law retains present law and adds alternative nicotine products and vapor products to the coverage of present law.

Present law provides that the sale of tobacco products to a minor by a retail dealer's agent, associate, employee, representative, or servant is considered an act of the retail dealer except under certain circumstances.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the sale of alternative nicotine products and vapor products to the coverage of present law.

Present law provides that "server" means any employee of a vendor, other than security personnel, who is authorized to sell or serve alcoholic beverages or tobacco products in the normal course of his or her employment or deals with customers who purchase or consume alcoholic beverages or tobacco products.

Proposed law retains present law and adds alternative nicotine products and vapor products to the definition of "server".

Present law provides relative to dealers receiving unstamped and/or nontax paid cigarettes, cigars, and smoking tobaccos required to file monthly reports and maintain records. Present law further provides that vending machine operators must affix a sticker in a prominent place on each machine, in print not smaller than twenty-two point, stating that "Louisiana Law Prohibits the Purchase of Tobacco Products by Anyone Under Age 17".

Proposed law adds alternative nicotine products and vapor products to the coverage of present law and changes the age to be stated in the sticker from 17 years to 18 years.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.



(Amends R.S.14:91.6(A) and 91.8(B),(C),(D), (E), (F)(1) and (2)(intro. para.) and (c), and (H), R.S. 26:901, 902(1), 905(B), 909(A)(2), 910, 910.1, 911(A)(intro. para.), (1) and (2), 917(A)(intro. para.) and (C), and 932(6), R.S. 47:851(C)(2); Adds R.S. 14:91.6(B)(6) and (7)and 91.8(G)(6) and (7))