

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVE TALBOT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIME: Provides for fines associated with selling vapor products to persons under the age of 18

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:91.8(H)(1) and to enact R.S. 14:91.8(H)(3), relative to
3 offenses affecting general morality; to provide relative to the unlawful sale,
4 purchase, or possession of tobacco, alternative nicotine, or vapor products; to
5 increase the fines associated with selling vapor products to persons under the age of
6 eighteen; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:91.8(H)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 14:91.8(H)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §91.8. Unlawful sale, purchase, or possession of tobacco, alternative nicotine
11 ~~product products~~, or vapor ~~product products~~; signs required; penalties

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13 H.(1) ~~A~~ Except as provided in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection, a person who
14 violates the provisions of this Section by selling or buying tobacco products; or
15 alternative nicotine products, or who violates the provisions of this Section by
16 buying vapor products shall be fined not more than fifty dollars for the first violation.
17 The penalties for subsequent violations shall be a fine of not more than one hundred
18 dollars for the second violation, a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars for
19 the third violation, and a fine of not more than four hundred dollars for any violation
20 thereafter.

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Amend proposed law to provide that the increase in present law fines apply only to sellers of vapor products to persons under the age of 18.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Decrease the proposed law second violation fine from \$1,000 to \$750.
2. Decrease the proposed law subsequent violation fines from \$2,500 to \$1,000.
3. Make technical corrections.