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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Pichardo, Crowley, Jabour, and Doyle

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-9-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-9 entitled "Children" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-9-13. Purchase, sale or delivery of tobacco products to persons under eighteen --**
4 **Posting notice of law. --** No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall purchase, nor shall any
5 person sell, give or deliver to any person under eighteen (18) years of age, any tobacco in the
6 form of cigarettes, bidi cigarettes, cigars, [little cigars, flavored cigars known as "blunts"](#)
7 [unflavored "blunts", flavored and unflavored blunt wraps, cigarette rolling papers of any size or](#)
8 [composition, cigarillos, and tiparillos](#), pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, or snuff. Any person, firm,
9 or corporation that owns, manages, or operates a place of business in which tobacco products are
10 sold, including sales through cigarette vending machines, shall post notice of this law
11 conspicuously in the place of business in letters at least three-eighths of an inch (3/8") high.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would include various forms of cigars, flavored cigars, flavored and unflavored
2 blunt wraps and rolling papers as items subject to the restrictions contained in section 11-9-13,
3 which prohibits the sale of certain tobacco products to minors.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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