

HB 2372 -- TOBACCO PRODUCTS

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This bill updates references from the Division of Liquor Control to the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control within the Department of Public Safety, provides that proof of age must be verified through government-issued identification and proof of age must be requested at the time of the sale for any purchaser who appears to be under the age of 30, and amends certain definitions relating to regulation of tobacco products.

This bill raises the age for the purchase of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products from 18 to 21 years of age. In addition to individual packs of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco products, no tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products may be sold except through a vending machine located in an establishment not accessible to persons under 21 years of age or unless displayed behind a checkout counter. It shall be unlawful to sell individual cigarettes to any person in the state.

No person or entity may sell cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products without a retail sales tax license and a license for selling, providing, or distributing tobacco products issued by the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control. A person or entity shall apply for such a license, and any renewal, from the Division in a manner and form as described in the bill. The Division shall conduct inspections of all licensees to ensure compliance with the law.

Some provisions of this bill have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2025.

This bill is the same as HB 124 (2023) and similar to HB 124 (2023) and HB 2903 (2022).