

# HOUSE BILL No. 5396

November 2, 2005, Introduced by Reps. David Law, Vander Veen, Schuitmaker, Jones, Newell, Kahn and Taub and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1915 PA 31, entitled "Youth tobacco act," by amending the title and sections 1, 2, and 4 (MCL 722.641, 722.642, and 722.644), the title and section 4 as amended by 1992 PA 272 and sections 1 and 2 as amended by 1988 PA 314.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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TITLE

An act to prohibit the selling, giving, or furnishing of tobacco products to minors; to prohibit the **PURCHASE, POSSESSION, OR** use of tobacco products by minors; ~~to prohibit the harboring of minors for the purpose of indulging in the use of tobacco products;~~ to regulate the retail sale of tobacco products; to prescribe penalties; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state

1 agencies and departments.

2       Sec. 1. (1) A person shall not sell, give, or furnish ~~any~~  
3 ~~cigarette, cigar, chewing tobacco, tobacco snuff, or tobacco in any~~  
4 ~~other form~~ **A TOBACCO PRODUCT** to a ~~person under 18 years of age~~  
5 **MINOR**. A person who violates this ~~section~~ **SUBSECTION** is guilty of  
6 a misdemeanor ~~—~~ punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for  
7 each ~~offense~~ **VIOLATION**.

8       (2) ~~Beginning 90 days after the effective date of this~~  
9 ~~subsection, a~~ **A** person who sells tobacco products at retail shall  
10 post, in a place close to the point of sale and conspicuous to both  
11 employees and customers, a sign produced by the department of  
12 ~~public~~ **COMMUNITY** health that includes the following statement:

13       "The purchase of tobacco products by a minor under 18 years of  
14 age and the provision of tobacco products to a minor are prohibited  
15 by law. A minor unlawfully purchasing or using tobacco products is  
16 subject to criminal penalties."

17       (3) If the sign required under subsection (2) is more than 6  
18 feet from the point of sale, it shall be 5-1/2 inches by 8-1/2  
19 inches ~~—~~ and the statement required under subsection (2) shall be  
20 printed in 36-point ~~boldface~~ **BOLDFACED** type. If the sign required  
21 under subsection (2) is 6 feet or less from the point of sale, it  
22 shall be 2 inches by 4 inches ~~—~~ and the statement required under  
23 subsection (2) shall be printed in 20-point ~~boldface~~ **BOLDFACED**  
24 type.

25       (4) The department of ~~public~~ **COMMUNITY** health shall produce  
26 the sign required under subsection (2) and have adequate copies of  
27 the sign ready for distribution to licensed wholesalers, secondary

1 wholesalers, and unclassified acquirers of ~~cigarettes and other~~  
2 tobacco products ~~described in subsection (1)~~ free of charge.  
3 ~~within 60 days after the effective date of this subsection.~~

4 Licensed wholesalers, secondary wholesalers, and unclassified  
5 acquirers of ~~cigarettes and other~~ tobacco products ~~described in~~  
6 ~~subsection (1)~~ shall obtain copies of the sign from the department  
7 of ~~public~~ **COMMUNITY** health and distribute them free of charge,  
8 upon request, to persons who are subject to subsection (2). The  
9 department of ~~public~~ **COMMUNITY** health shall provide copies of the  
10 sign free of charge, upon request, to persons subject to subsection  
11 (2) who do not purchase their supply of ~~cigarettes or other~~  
12 tobacco products ~~described in subsection (1)~~ from ~~licensed~~  
13 wholesalers, secondary wholesalers, and unclassified acquirers of  
14 ~~cigarettes and other~~ tobacco products ~~described in subsection (1)~~  
15 **LICENSED UNDER THE TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX ACT, 1993 PA 327, MCL**  
16 **205.421 TO 205.436.**

17 (5) It is an affirmative defense to a charge ~~pursuant to~~  
18 **UNDER** subsection (1) that the defendant had in force at the time of  
19 arrest and continues to have in force a written policy to prevent  
20 the sale of ~~cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, tobacco snuff,~~  
21 ~~and other~~ tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age ~~—~~  
22 and that the defendant enforced and continues to enforce the  
23 policy. A defendant who proposes to offer evidence of the  
24 affirmative defense described in this subsection shall file and  
25 serve notice of the defense, in writing, upon the court and the  
26 prosecuting attorney. The notice shall be served not less than 14  
27 days before the date set for trial.

1           (6) A prosecuting attorney who proposes to offer testimony to  
2 rebut the affirmative defense described in subsection (5) shall  
3 file and serve a notice of rebuttal, in writing, upon the court and  
4 the defendant. The notice shall be served not less than 7 days  
5 before the date set for trial ~~—~~ and shall contain the name and  
6 address of each rebuttal witness.

7           **(7) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO THE HANDLING OR**  
8 **TRANSPORTATION OF A TOBACCO PRODUCT BY A MINOR UNDER THE TERMS OF**  
9 **THAT MINOR'S EMPLOYMENT.**

10           Sec. 2. (1) ~~A person under 18 years of age shall not possess~~  
11 ~~or smoke cigarettes or cigars; or possess or chew, suck, or inhale~~  
12 ~~chewing tobacco or tobacco snuff; or possess or use tobacco in any~~  
13 ~~other form, on a public highway, street, alley, park, or other~~  
14 ~~lands used for public purposes, or in a public place of business or~~  
15 ~~amusement. A person—~~ **A MINOR SHALL NOT DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

16           **(A) PURCHASE OR ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE A TOBACCO PRODUCT.**

17           **(B) POSSESS OR ATTEMPT TO POSSESS A TOBACCO PRODUCT.**

18           **(C) USE A TOBACCO PRODUCT IN A PUBLIC PLACE.**

19           **(D) PRESENT OR OFFER TO AN INDIVIDUAL A PURPORTED PROOF OF AGE**  
20 **THAT IS FALSE, FRAUDULENT, OR NOT ACTUALLY HIS OR HER OWN PROOF OF**  
21 **AGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING, ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE,**  
22 **POSSESSING, OR ATTEMPTING TO POSSESS A TOBACCO PRODUCT.**

23           **(2) AN INDIVIDUAL** who violates ~~this section~~ **SUBSECTION (1)**  
24 is guilty of a misdemeanor ~~—~~ punishable by a fine of not more  
25 than \$50.00 for each ~~offense~~ **VIOLATION**. Pursuant to a probation  
26 order, the court may **ALSO** require a person who violates ~~this~~  
27 ~~section~~ **SUBSECTION (1)** to participate in a health promotion and

1 risk reduction assessment program, if available. A ~~probationer~~  
2 **PERSON** who is ordered to participate in a health promotion and risk  
3 reduction assessment program under this ~~section~~ **SUBSECTION** is  
4 responsible for the costs of participating in the program. In  
5 addition, a person who violates ~~this section~~ **SUBSECTION (1)** is  
6 subject to the following:

7 (a) For the first violation, the court may order the person to  
8 do 1 of the following:

9 (i) Perform not more than 16 hours of community service in a  
10 hospice, nursing home, or long-term care facility.

11 (ii) Participate in a health promotion and risk reduction  
12 program, as described in this subsection.

13 (b) For a second violation, in addition to participation in a  
14 health promotion and risk reduction program, the court may order  
15 the person to perform not more than 32 hours of community service  
16 in a hospice, nursing home, or long-term care facility.

17 (c) For a third or subsequent violation, in addition to  
18 participation in a health promotion and risk reduction program, the  
19 court may order the person to perform not more than 48 hours of  
20 community service in a hospice, nursing home, or long-term care  
21 facility.

22 Sec. 4. As used in this act:

23 ~~(a) "Chewing tobacco" means loose tobacco or a flat,~~  
24 ~~compressed cake of tobacco that is inserted into the mouth to be~~  
25 ~~chewed or sucked.~~

26 (A) **"MINOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.**

27 (b) "Person who sells tobacco products at retail" means a

1 person whose ordinary course of business consists, in whole or in  
2 part, of the retail sale of tobacco products subject to state sales  
3 tax.

4 ~~—— (c) "Tobacco snuff" means shredded, powdered, or pulverized~~  
5 ~~tobacco that may be inhaled through the nostrils, chewed, or placed~~  
6 ~~against the gums.~~

7 (C) "PUBLIC PLACE" MEANS A PUBLIC STREET, SIDEWALK, OR PARK OR  
8 ANY AREA OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN A PUBLICLY OWNED OR OPERATED  
9 BUILDING OR PUBLIC PLACE OF BUSINESS.

10 (D) "TOBACCO PRODUCT" MEANS A PRODUCT THAT CONTAINS TOBACCO  
11 AND IS INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED  
12 TO, CIGARETTES, NONCIGARETTE SMOKING TOBACCO, OR SMOKELESS TOBACCO,  
13 AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF THE TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX  
14 ACT, 1993 PA 327, MCL 205.422, AND CIGARS.

15 (E) "USE A TOBACCO PRODUCT" MEANS TO SMOKE, CHEW, SUCK,  
16 INHALE, OR OTHERWISE CONSUME A TOBACCO PRODUCT.