



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of House Committee Amendments*

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Generally prohibits a child (unless accompanied by a parent, adult spouse, or legal guardian) from consuming, possessing, using, purchasing, attempting to purchase, ordering, paying for, sharing the cost of, accepting, or receiving liquid nicotine.

Prohibits a child from knowingly furnishing false identification to obtain liquid nicotine.

Authorizes a juvenile court to do either or both of the following upon finding a violation: (1) impose a fine of not more than \$100 or (2) require the child to attend a youth smoking education program or other smoking treatment program.

Authorizes a juvenile court to do any or all of the following if a child disobeys a prior court order: (1) increase the fine imposed on the child, (2) require the child to perform not more than 20 hours of community service, or (3) suspend for a period of 30 days the temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or driver's license issued to the child.

Prohibits a person or manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of liquid nicotine from giving, selling, or otherwise distributing liquid nicotine to a child, with certain exceptions.

Prohibits a person or manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of liquid nicotine from knowingly furnishing any false information regarding the name, age, or other identification of any child with purpose to obtain liquid nicotine.

Requires age verification (by an independent third party comparing databases to personal information provided during an Internet sale or other remote method of sale to establish that the purchaser is 18 years of age or older) before liquid nicotine can be sold or otherwise distributed over the Internet or through another remote method.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the House Floor.

Authorizes a seller to perform a transaction scan to check the validity of a driver's license or other identification card presented as a condition for selling or distributing liquid nicotine.

Permits a seller to raise as an affirmative defense against a charge of distributing liquid nicotine to a child that a transaction scan was performed, the scan indicated validity, and the scan was reasonably relied upon.

Defines liquid nicotine as "a liquid that consists of or contains nicotine and is sold, marketed, or intended for use with an electronic cigarette."

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