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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases the fines associated with selling tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to persons under the age of 18.

Present law prohibits the sale and distribution of any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product to persons under the age of 18, and prohibits persons under the age of 18 from buying such products.

Present law provides that whoever violates present law by selling or buying tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products shall be subject to the following fines:

- (1) For a first violation - a fine of up to \$50.
- (2) For a second violation - a fine of up to \$100.
- (3) For a third violation - a fine of up to \$250.
- (4) For subsequent violations - a fine of up to \$400.

Proposed law retains present law fines for the under-age buyers and provides for increased fines for sellers who violate present law:

- (1) For a first violation - a fine of up to \$500.
- (2) For a second violation - a fine of up to \$1,000.
- (3) For subsequent violations - a fine of up to \$2,500.

(Amends R.S. 14:91.8(H)(1); Adds R.S. 14:91.8(H)(3))