
DIGEST

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HB 56 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires the telephone number and website for the La. Tobacco Quitline to be included on signs displayed at the point of purchase or on the vending machine of any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product.

Present law prohibits any manufacturer, distributor, retailer, or other person from knowingly selling or distributing any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product to a person under the age of 18.

Present law further requires a sign to be displayed at the point of purchase, in not less than 30-point type, that reads "LOUISIANA LAW PROHIBITS THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, OR VAPOR PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 18".

Present law prohibits a vending machine operator from placing in use a vending machine to vend any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product automatically, unless the machine displays a sign or sticker in not less than 22-point type on the front of the machine stating, "LOUISIANA LAW PROHIBITS THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, OR VAPOR PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 18".

Proposed law retains present law and further requires the sign displayed at the point of purchase and on the vending machine to include a notice that displays the telephone number for the Louisiana Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW) and the website for the Louisiana Tobacco Quitline (www.quitwithusla.org), as determined by the state department of health.

Proposed law makes technical changes to references in present law to the United States Code.

Effective Nov. 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 14:91.8(C), (D), and (G)(1)(c), (d), and (e) and (7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Remove lettering size requirement for the notice postings.
2. Add effective date of Nov. 1, 2018.