

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

H 3404 General Bill, By Altman

Summary: Underage tobacco distribution/possession provisions changed from eighteen to twenty-one years

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-7-8927 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE FROM PURCHASING OR POSSESSING TOBACCO PRODUCTS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-500, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SUPPLYING A MINOR WITH TOBACCO, SO AS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO SUPPLY A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE WITH TOBACCO PRODUCTS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-501, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS USED IN CONNECTION WITH TOBACCO DISTRIBUTION TO MINORS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE REFERENCE FROM AN INDIVIDUAL EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO ONE TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-502, RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCT SAMPLES, SO AS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO SUPPLY A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE WITH TOBACCO PRODUCT SAMPLES AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON DISTRIBUTING TOBACCO PRODUCT SAMPLES SHALL DEMAND PROOF OF A PROSPECTIVE RECIPIENT'S AGE IF HE APPEARS TO BE UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE; TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-503, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF TOBACCO RELATED OFFENSES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE REFERENCE FROM PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-6-230, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO AUCTIONEERS OF TOBACCO AND LIVESTOCK, SO AS TO ADD A PROVISION STATING THAT AUCTIONING TOBACCO IS NOT POSSESSION OF TOBACCO; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-128-20 AND 44-128-50, BOTH RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH SMOKING PREVENTION, SO AS TO CHANGE REFERENCES TO MINORS FROM PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN TO PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE.

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