

Session 116 - (2005-2006)

H 4521 General Bill, By Altman

Summary: Illegal Sale and Purchase of Tobacco Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "ILLEGAL SALE AND PURCHASE OF TOBACCO ACT OF 2006", TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-500, RELATING TO SUPPLYING MINORS WITH TOBACCO OR CIGARETTES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION ALSO APPLIES TO THE DISTRIBUTION OR PURCHASE FOR A MINOR OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO, CIGARETTE PAPER, OR A TOBACCO PRODUCT, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY NOT SELL A TOBACCO PRODUCT TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT PRESENT UPON DEMAND PROPER PROOF OF AGE, TO PROVIDE THAT INDIVIDUALS LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE MAY NOT PURCHASE, ACCEPT RECEIPT, ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE, ATTEMPT TO ACCEPT RECEIPT OF A TOBACCO PRODUCT, OR PRESENT OR OFFER FRAUDULENT PROOF OF AGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING OR POSSESSING A TOBACCO PRODUCT, TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY USE MINORS TO TEST A COMMUNITY'S COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE TO POSSESS A TOBACCO PRODUCT, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "PERSON"; TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-501, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF TERMS RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCT SAMPLES AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE SALE AND USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE DEFINITIONS APPLY TO PROVISIONS REGULATING SUPPLYING TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS; AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "PROOF OF AGE".

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