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Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, the penal law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the purchasing age for tobacco products from eighteen to twenty-one

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 1399-aa of the public health law,
2 as added by chapter 799 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 4. "Private club" means an organization with no more than an insignif-
5 icant portion of its membership comprised of people under the age of
6 [~~eighteen~~ twenty-one] years that regularly receives dues and/or payments
7 from its members for the use of space, facilities and services.

8 § 2. Paragraphs (b), (c) and (f) of subdivision 2 of section 1399-bb
9 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 13 of the laws of 2003,
10 are amended to read as follows:

11 (b) conventions and trade shows; provided that the distribution is
12 confined to designated areas generally accessible only to persons over
13 the age of [~~eighteen~~ twenty-one];

14 (c) events sponsored by tobacco or herbal cigarette manufacturers
15 provided that the distribution is confined to designated areas generally
16 accessible only to persons over the age of [~~eighteen~~ twenty-one];

17 (f) factories as defined in subdivision nine of section thirteen
18 hundred ninety-nine-aa of this article and construction sites; provided
19 that the distribution is confined to designated areas generally accessi-
20 ble only to persons over the age of [~~eighteen~~ twenty-one].

21 § 3. Subdivision 4 of section 1399-bb of the public health law, as
22 amended by chapter 508 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as
23 follows:

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 4. The distribution of tobacco products or herbal cigarettes pursuant
2 to subdivision two of this section shall be made only to an individual
3 who demonstrates, through a driver's license or other photographic iden-
4 tification card issued by a government entity or educational institution
5 indicating that the individual is at least [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years
6 of age. Such identification need not be required of any individual who
7 reasonably appears to be at least twenty-five years of age; provided,
8 however, that such appearance shall not constitute a defense in any
9 proceeding alleging the sale of a tobacco product or herbal cigarette to
10 an individual.

11 § 4. Subdivisions 2, 3 and 7 of section 1399-cc of the public health
12 law, as amended by chapter 542 of the laws of 2014, are amended to read
13 as follows:

14 2. Any person operating a place of business wherein tobacco products,
15 herbal cigarettes, liquid nicotine, shisha or electronic cigarettes, are
16 sold or offered for sale is prohibited from selling such products,
17 herbal cigarettes, liquid nicotine, shisha, electronic cigarettes or
18 smoking paraphernalia to individuals under [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years
19 of age, and shall post in a conspicuous place a sign upon which there
20 shall be imprinted the following statement, "SALE OF CIGARETTES, CIGARS,
21 CHEWING TOBACCO, POWDERED TOBACCO, SHISHA OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS,
22 HERBAL CIGARETTES, LIQUID NICOTINE, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, ROLLING
23 PAPERS OR SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA, TO PERSONS UNDER [~~EIGHTEEN~~] TWENTY-ONE
24 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW." Such sign shall be printed on a
25 white card in red letters at least one-half inch in height.

26 3. Sale of tobacco products, herbal cigarettes, liquid nicotine,
27 shisha or electronic cigarettes in such places, other than by a vending
28 machine, shall be made only to an individual who demonstrates, through
29 (a) a valid driver's license or non-driver's identification card issued
30 by the commissioner of motor vehicles, the federal government, any
31 United States territory, commonwealth or possession, the District of
32 Columbia, a state government within the United States or a provincial
33 government of the dominion of Canada, or (b) a valid passport issued by
34 the United States government or any other country, or (c) an identifica-
35 tion card issued by the armed forces of the United States, indicating
36 that the individual is at least [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age. Such
37 identification need not be required of any individual who reasonably
38 appears to be at least twenty-five years of age, provided, however, that
39 such appearance shall not constitute a defense in any proceeding alleg-
40 ing the sale of a tobacco product, herbal cigarettes, liquid nicotine,
41 shisha or electronic cigarettes to an individual under [~~eighteen~~] twen-
42 ty-one years of age.

43 7. No person operating a place of business wherein tobacco products,
44 herbal cigarettes, liquid nicotine, shisha or electronic cigarettes are
45 sold or offered for sale shall sell, permit to be sold, offer for sale
46 or display for sale any tobacco product, herbal cigarettes, liquid nico-
47 tine, shisha or electronic cigarettes in any manner, unless such
48 products and cigarettes are stored for sale (a) behind a counter in an
49 area accessible only to the personnel of such business, or (b) in a
50 locked container; provided, however, such restriction shall not apply to
51 tobacco businesses, as defined in subdivision eight of section thirteen
52 hundred ninety-nine-aa of this article, and to places to which admission
53 is restricted to persons [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age or older.

54 § 5. Subdivision (d) of section 1399-dd of the public health law, as
55 amended by chapter 448 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as
56 follows:

1 (d) in a place of employment which has an insignificant portion of its
2 regular workforce comprised of people under the age of [~~eighteen~~] twen-
3 ty-one years and only in such locations that are not accessible to the
4 general public; provided, however, that in such locations the vending
5 machine is located in plain view and under the direct supervision and
6 control of the person in charge of the location or his or her designated
7 agent or employee.

8 § 6. Subdivision 1 of section 1399-ff of the public health law, as
9 amended by chapter 448 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 1. Where a civil penalty for a particular incident has not been
12 imposed or an enforcement action regarding an alleged violation for a
13 particular incident is not pending under section thirteen hundred nine-
14 ty-nine-ee of this article, a parent or guardian of a [~~minor~~] person
15 under twenty-one years of age to whom tobacco products, herbal ciga-
16 rettes or electronic cigarettes are sold or distributed in violation of
17 this article may submit a complaint to an enforcement officer setting
18 forth the name and address of the alleged violator, the date of the
19 alleged violation, the name and address of the complainant and the
20 [~~minor~~] person under twenty-one years of age, and a brief statement
21 describing the alleged violation. The enforcement officer shall notify
22 the alleged violator by certified or registered mail, return receipt
23 requested, that a complaint has been submitted, and shall set a date, at
24 least fifteen days after the mailing of such notice, for a hearing on
25 the complaint. Such notice shall contain the information submitted by
26 the complainant.

27 § 7. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision 2 of section 1399-ll of the
28 public health law, as added by chapter 518 of the laws of 2000, are
29 amended to read as follows:

30 (b) Any person operating a tobacco business wherein bidis is sold or
31 offered for sale is prohibited from selling such bidis to individuals
32 under [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age, and shall post in a conspicu-
33 ous place a sign upon which there shall be imprinted the following
34 statement, "SALE OF BIDIS TO PERSONS UNDER [~~EIGHTEEN~~] TWENTY-ONE YEARS
35 OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW." Such sign shall be printed on a white
36 card in red letters at least one-half inch in height.

37 (c) Sales of bidis by a tobacco business shall be made only to an
38 individual who demonstrates, through a driver's license or other photo-
39 graphic identification card issued by a government entity or educational
40 institution indicating that the individual is at least [~~eighteen~~] twen-
41 ty-one years of age. Such identification need not be required of any
42 individual who reasonably appears to be at least twenty-five years of
43 age, provided, however, that such appearance shall not constitute a
44 defense in any proceeding alleging the sale of a tobacco product to an
45 individual under [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age.

46 § 8. Subdivision 1 and paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision 2 of
47 section 1399-mm of the public health law, as added by chapter 549 of the
48 laws of 2003, are amended to read as follows:

49 1. No person shall knowingly sell or provide gutka to any other person
50 under [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age. No other provision of law
51 authorizing the sale of tobacco products, other than subdivision two of
52 this section, shall authorize the sale of gutka. Any person who
53 violates the provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to a civil
54 penalty of not more than five hundred dollars.

55 (b) Any person operating a tobacco business wherein gutka is sold or
56 offered for sale is prohibited from selling such gutka to individuals

1 under [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age, and shall post in a conspicu-
2 ous place a sign upon which there shall be imprinted the following
3 statement, "SALE OF GUTKA TO PERSONS UNDER [~~EIGHTEEN~~] TWENTY-ONE YEARS
4 OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW." Such sign shall be printed on a white
5 card in red letters at least one-half inch in height.

6 (c) Sales of gutka by a tobacco business shall be made only to an
7 individual who demonstrates, through a driver's license or other photo-
8 graphic identification card issued by a government entity or educational
9 institution indicating that the individual is at least [~~eighteen~~] twen-
10 ty-one years of age. Such identification need not be required of any
11 individual who reasonably appears to be at least twenty-five years of
12 age, provided, however, that such appearance shall not constitute a
13 defense in any proceeding alleging the sale of a tobacco product to an
14 individual under [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age.

15 § 9. Subdivision 3 of section 260.21 of the penal law, as added by
16 chapter 362 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

17 3. He or she sells or causes to be sold tobacco in any form to a child
18 less than [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years old.

19 § 10. Section 17-714 of the administrative code of the city of New
20 York, as amended by local law number 69 of the city of New York for the
21 year 2009, is amended to read as follows:

22 § 17-714 Sale of herbal cigarettes to minors prohibited. It shall be
23 unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale herbal cigarettes to
24 an individual under [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age.

25 § 11. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day
26 after it shall have become a law.